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Dick Gregory tells the new niggers about ignorant white folk

"You youngsters got a big job. Got a big job."

Dick Gregory, comedian and social activist, repeated these words throughout his

speech last night in the SUB Ballroom. Sometimes speaking with humor and sometimes with anger, he addressed the Montana State audience on issues varying from the new niggers and the war to sickle cell anemia and recent assassinations.

"I don't know how I can stand here with a straight face," he began, while outside a sudden snow storm was blowing, "and say it's a pleasure to be here in Bozeman. But I'm here. You ever walk into an airport and tell them you want to go to Bozeman. That's skyjacking talk."

"About two years ago I vowed I won't eat any solid food until the war was over," he commented about his anti-war fast. With the prisoners coming home, his fast is almost over. "My mind says wait for the prisoners, but my stomach says forget about them," he confessed.

"The hardest thing about going on a long fast is the people who ask stupid questions. 'How do you feel?' 'Hungry,'" he declared. "I wouldn't start another fast if they were fighting in my house. If Rhodesia attacked Harlem I won't quit eating." However, he would protest, he maintained.

It was then an audience member provided an interruption. Gregory continued with, "It's a pleasure to be here," and then paused to

vegetable juice, and quipped, "Maybe you ain't as all normal as I thought you were."

Gregory praised young people for their activism and its role in bringing a halt to the war. "Thank God and Dick Nison, said the POWs when they returned," repeated Gregory. "That was when I realized they had been some place for eight years when they thanked Nixon for their return." He pointed out, "It was you young people who brought the prisoners home."

"There are lots of you sitting out there who thought Vietnam was right all along. Thanks to young people who stopped business as usual, this time next year you will still have your limbs, still be alive," he asserted. "Young people who weren't afraid of the Pentagon, why people who work in the Pentagon are afraid of it; young people who shook their fingers in a degenerate General's face and said, 'No longer are old men going to send young men to die.'"

Speaking of youth, he contended, "America has been such a sick nation since she began she has always needed a nigger to survive. You don't have to be black to be the new nigger. If you young people had been listening to us, that America was looking for a new nigger, you won't have let your hair grow, worn T-shirts and no

brassieres."

America has a secret about appearance, he confided. "Morality ain't got anything to do with your actions, but how you look when you're through. Morality is a Brooks Brothers suit."

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"we can you super-nigger," Gregory observed. "As an ex-nigger, I hope you will be a better nigger than us niggers. I hope you stand up and say we're going to be the last niggers."

"The number one problem in America," he suggested, "is dumb, ignorant white folks. When are you white folks going to wake up. Your dog is going to have more effect on you than me. All day long whites are saying, 'What's those niggers doing?'"

"Your real enemies are white," he insisted. "There ain't one black person in America who could start World War III; there ain't one black person who can raise food prices. There are white folk millionaires who don't pay a cent of taxes, and whites are running around worrying about a black woman on welfare."

Gregory also saw a nationwide conspiracy. "One of the sad, sad tragedies of life is the American newspapers. They are not informing us. How many of you know John Kennedy was killed by the CIA in Dallas?" he posed, to be answered by scattered applause.

He went on to point inconsistencies in the shootings of Wallace, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and in the Watergate case. "Not one newspaper told you about those," he stated. "You all keep playing games with yourself."

The sickle cell anemia campaign drew an attack by Gregory. "Sickle cell is the twenty-first killer in the black community. More young black kids will die of lead poisoning in the next week than will die of sickle cell in the next twenty years."

On economics, he wondered, "How can they devalue my dollar ten percent and tell me it's for my benefit. I called up the Treasury and asked them about it. 'If it doesn't hurt me,' I said, 'then who does it hurt?' 'The Japanese,' they said. 'Good,' I answered, 'go get them.' But I saw some Japanese at the airport the other day and they looked happy. I wonder if they know."

The amnesty issue drew Gregory's anger. "Nixon wants to normalize relations with North Vietnam," he began. "Yet he says he will never consider amnesty. Secretary of State Rogers said for those who fled, someone had to take their place and go to Vietnam and die. What about those who went to College, what about those who couldn't even spell National

Guard or Reserves, but go into them? Someone went in their place."

"The peace movement has to see those Americans who came back from Vietnam are taken care of," he continued. "The American Legion and right wing groups aren't going to take care of them." His voice rose as he said, "POWs are political heroes. What about those in the burn ward for life, those paralyzed," he shouted.

Gregory received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his speech. Sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Board, he had been rescheduled from a January appearance when weather grounded his flight to Bozeman.



Comedian and social activist Dick Gregory, looking thin from his two year anti-war fast, spoke last night in the SUB Ballroom. His speech was entitled "Social Activism: Social or Anti-Social?"

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Draws crowd at Essex Community College

The new Dick Gregory:

karma with wit

By JEROME W. MONDESIRE

"The same white Nazi soldier who killed my father in World War II can come here and buy a home in a neighborhood where you would refuse his son a chance to live because of his color."

That is the familiar Dick Gregory. He has been sharp-shooting this kind of piercing satire at American society since he left the back of the bus in the early 1960's. He did it again at Essex Community College Tuesday night before more than 400 mostly white students.

"All of us are under the influence of 'karma.' That is, there are electrical forces in the universe which influence all our lives. These forces are either positive or negative and must always balance out. If you can dig 'karma' you can begin to understand what life is all about."

Now spiritualism

This is the new Dick Gregory. His intense humanitarianism and radical politics have been injected with an elephantine dose of spiritualism.

Now add to his wide assortment of old toppers, including—a politician's straw hat, philosopher's olive laurel, comedian's bowler, a humanitarian's crown of thorns—the new cone shaped headdress worn by a wizard.

Gregory takes his recently embraced spiritualism seriously. His is not part of the supermarket and candy store astrology fad siphoning millions from inquisitive coeds and bored housewives. Although he professes belief in the occult, numerology as well as astrology, Gregory argues they are ancient sciences

and can be used to comprehend many of the mysteries of daily life.

"All one needs is enough courage to search within oneself," he said.

Gathered with a small group of students in a basement room of the college's field house after his lecture, Gregory demonstrated some of his psychic powers with numerology.

Using only the numerals representing the birthdays of several students, he probed personal secrets in their lives. He said each number related to different "auras" or psychic-electric forces in the universe.

Obviously amazing his small audience, more than half of his predictions about the strangers were substantiated by the students themselves. A few skeptics dismissed his performance as coincidental poppycock afterward.

Gregory is now a partially gray 41-year-old self-professed "exposer of lies." Extended fasting makes his thin five foot six inch frame seem even more fragile. He vowed several years ago not to eat solid food until the Vietnam war ended and all of the prisoners of war on both sides were returned home. His weight now fluctuates between 92 and 105 pounds.

Last night he said his fasting had achieved new dimensions. On a recent trip to Jamaica, he said that he had "eaten only air for seven days."

"My body was pure. My energy levels were at their peak. They were so big that when I began to come down from my fast by drinking orange juice my karma exploded every light bulb in the room."

A few of the students laughed but many just stared in awe.

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Gregory claims he appears at 310 colleges every ten months. Wherever he travels he plants ideas and questions in America's questioning youth. Often his philosophy is vague, but his precise criticisms and probes into what makes America tick cannot be dismissed too easily.

One observer Tuesday night said Gregory's thinking reflected "acute paranoia" but another said "the brother tellin' it like it is man." He received a standing ovation when he concluded his 90-minute lecture at two bucks a head.

Controlled by nature

"If Christ came back to earth and began healing people for free while they lay in overpriced hospital beds what do you think the American Medical Association or Blue Cross would do to him?"

"True revolution is controlled by nature not by man."

"The end of the war in Vietnam is due to the kids who disrupted business as usual in this country. Had Germany had such a youth generation in the 1930's we would have a different Germany today."

"Why is there so much fuss about sickle cell anemia when it is only the 21st killer of blacks? The number one killer of blacks is hypertension but you don't find anybody organizing campaigns around that disease do you?"

"A lot of you students think that smoking pot is an anti-system act. But who do you think brings pot into this country in the first place?"

"Smoking pot and drinking alcohol is the best way to turn a clean healthy body into a slimy degenerate one."

"President Nixon is sending \$2.5 bil-

lion to rebuild Hanoi but is he spending one dime to rebuild those dilapidated veteran's hospitals that are treating wounded American boys?"

Gregory's other targets included the energy crisis and blacks who believe their social problems can be solved through violence.

Look to Africa

On the first, he said America's oil reserves would near exhaustion around 1985 and he foresaw greater advances toward Africa which is the only continent rich enough in oil to supply America's energy needs. These moves he said would speed up the pace of integration at home because white politicians and businessmen alike would want to persuade Africans that America's racial situation had vastly improved to encourage them to trade their oil.

On the second, he reiterated his perennial belief in non-violent protest and said the only solution to racial polarization was for each one of us to "learn to respect each other as friends first and brothers second."

"There are things that brothers will do to each other that friends wouldn't even dream of."

He declined to elaborate on how such a system of mutual respect might be engendered. He imparted a flurry of other humanitarian reflections but failed to explain to his audience how they might become reality.

Special drive

His one concrete proposal Tuesday night was that blacks organize a special "African-seal drive," similar to Christmas Seals, which would funnel sorely needed development money into an Africa that must now rely solely on European and American capital.

Campuses are Gregory's playground. There he finds pliable minds searching for new intellectual jousts and psychic thrills. He has crisscrossed America's lecture halls from Boston to Portland at least a dozen times. He has planted countless philosophical seeds hoping that his harvest will bring liberated thinking in the end.

According to his own 5-year-old message, the youth are America's only hope for moral and political salvation. His favorite description of contemporary American culture is that it is "sick, slimy and degenerate." Often his other adjectives were more earthy.

His non-violent battle plan for changing America says that the children now in elementary schools will foster the "real revolution."

Today's campus population, he said, must "set the stage for the revolution but they will not carry it out" because they are still too close to the old order.

Gregory also remained unspecific about what he saw as the shape of American society after the "revolution."

Like all philosophers, Gregory's thought is constantly evolving. Many will dismiss his spiritual ethic as ravings or say it is evidence that he is the lunatic they had always envisioned. Still others will simply marvel without question at his wizardry.



DICK GREGORY

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Gregory speaks tonight about 'social activism'

Dick Gregory, social activist, lecturer and comedian, will speak in Page Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m. He will speak on "Social Action-Social or Non-Social."

Well-known as one of the first black comedians to gain fame and wealth in a white dominated entertainment industry, Gregory has most recently gained prominence for a prolonged fast until the war in Indochina comes to an end. During this period, he has vowed to subsist on only a liquid diet.

Gregory was initiated into his role as a social activist during the Civil Rights movement in the

1960's. Subsequently, he was denied many night club acts and began giving benefit addresses to "movement" organizations.

His acerbic wit and dedication to "movement" causes led to several prison sentences, including two 45-day terms—one in Chicago as a result of daily demonstrating against what he felt to be de facto school segregation, the other in Washington state after demonstrating on behalf of the Niqualy Indians.

In 1967, Gregory ran for

mayor of Chicago as a write-in candidate. The following year he was the Peace and Freedom Party candidate for United States President.

Concurrent with his social and political agitation, Gregory has become one of the most sought-after college lecturers, only recently returning to night club engagements.

Gregory's speech is sponsored by the University Union Major Speakers Committee.

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600 honor three at Afro Police League award dinner

By James Campbell

"My friends in New York kept on asking me why I was coming back here," Dick Gregory was telling the guests at the Afro-American Patrolmen's League dinner Sunday night.

"I had a hard time telling them I was coming to Chicago to be with the police. Things sure do change."

Five years ago, a group of black policemen organized the league to improve relations between the police and the black community.

"They used to think we were hooks or radicals," Renault Robinson, the league's president had said at the beginning of the dinner. "But look around this room. These people wouldn't have been here if they didn't believe we were concerned."

Some 600 persons, paying \$100 a plate, attended the league's second annual awards dinner in McCormick Place. Among the notables present...

Gary Mayor Richard Hatchery; Thomas N. Todd, vice-president of Operation PUSH; the Rev. C. T. Vivian, executive director, Chicago chapter of Southern Christian Leadership Conference; James Compton, acting director of the Chicago Urban League; George Seals, lineman for the Chicago Bears; John Seigstacke, publisher, Chicago Defender; James F. Hoge Jr., editor, The Sun-Times; Edwin (Bill) Berry, former Urban League director; Len O'Connor, TV commentator; Bernard Carey, Republican candidate for State's Attorney; Ald. William S. Singer (43d), and Nancy Wilson, who provided the songs.

The league was honoring three men for their leadership in law and social justice. The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of the University of

Notre Dame, who as chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission recently condemned President Nixon's anti-busing proposals; Barnabas F. Sears, special prosecutor of State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan and others in the case of the deaths of two Black Panthers in 1969, and Rep. Ralph H. Metcalfe (D-Ill.), who has been pressing for police reforms.

Justice topic

It was a night of talk about justice. Gregory, who kept it light, told of an unhappy person who just got his shipment of "Free Angela" buttons, with a note in the box: "Angela is free, but the buttons are not." He was going to make a killing on them Fourth of July. Now he's trying to find an Italian named Angelo.

"Imagine, 12 white jurors freeing Angela," Gregory went on. "That's the first time we had so many white persons on our side since Joe Louis came out against Hitler."

"It's nice to laugh at the absolute idiocy that separates us," Father Hesburgh said after he received his award. "That relaxes us, and still reminds us how far we have to go..."

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The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University and chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, talks with Renault Robinson, executive director of the Afro American Patrolmen's League, during the group's award dinner at McCormick Place Sunday night. Father Hesburgh was presented with the league's National Law and Social Justice award. (Sun-Times Photo by Jim Klepitsch).

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Dick Gregory gets serious on 'moral pollution'

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Brings message

Dick Gregory, center, may be a hero to young liberals. But Friday afternoon he told an ISU audience to leave dope and liquor alone and learn to live with George Wallace, if he should prove to represent the majority. (Pantagraph Photo).

By James Keeran

Nobody applauded when Dick Gregory said that if Alabama Gov. George Wallace has the backing of the majority of U.S. voters, "He deserves to be president and we'll all have to learn to live with that."

That statement set the tone of Gregory's speech to about 1,000 gathered at the Illinois State University amphitheater Friday afternoon.

Gregory is a funnyman doing a serious job—traveling around the country preaching an end to the war in Vietnam. He was at ISU Friday at the invitation of "Operation STOP," the student government's education program of "State Talks on Peace."

The comedian warmed up his sun-basking audience with a series of biting jokes, a technique he employed freely through a long talk.

His audience, mostly students and faculty with a smattering of townspeople, loved him for the hard line he has drawn for himself to walk, his straightforward talk, succinct logic and his humor.

Gregory is marking the 13th month of his fast to protest the Vietnam war, but he is not celebrating it.

In case the war should end in the middle of the speech, he said, "I have a clause in my contract that says all I have to say is 'by y'all.'"

"I wouldn't stop eating again if they was fightin' in my house," Gregory said.

In the next war he plans to protest by eating until it is over.

Down to business

Then, the speech got down to business. He referred to the assassination attempt on Wallace as a "tragedy."

He said "Anyone who can laugh when Governor Wallace is shot is just as sick and slimy as those who can laugh when John Kennedy is shot, when Bobby Kennedy is shot, when Martin Luther King is shot."

"The same gun that got Wallace will

get you," Gregory said.

Wallace, the Kennedys and King all had one thing in common—they represented "the little man."

And, "If Wallace represents the majority, then he deserves to be president and we'll all have to learn to live with that."

He said that without bitterness, although he said he disagrees with much of what Wallace believes.

On war in general, Gregory said nobody wins. A visit to a veterans' hospital proves that.

"If Congress raised the draft age up to 75 years old," he said, "I can guarantee that tomorrow morning there'd be a bunch of old freaks sitting down (protesting the war)."

On Vietnam specifically he challenged his audience: "If you want that war over in Vietnam, quit playing games, baby."

Gregory said the way to end it is to boycott.

If everybody would stop eating chicken and turkey in a Vietnam protest, he said, the poultry industry would exert pressure to end the war.

If everybody boycotted Christmas giving in protest, the retail interest in America would join the anti-war movement.

If everybody boycotted Standard Oil, the Rockefellers would join, and if everybody boycotted General Motors products . . .

Violence not answer

"Violence is not the answer," he said, not out of fear, but because it simply does not work.

If violence did work, "America, as violent as it is, could solve all the problems." But the violence has not solved the problems of hunger, poverty and Vietnam.

"The number one problem in America today is the problem of moral pollution," Gregory said.

"The number one drug problem is alcohol.

"Any time you put anything in your body that's going to stimulate your system . . . you got a price to pay (health)."

Gregory was referring to stimulants ranging from coffee and tea to liquor and heroin.

Taking drugs is not an anti-establishment thing to do, Gregory said.

Ninety per cent of the heroin used in America comes from Laos and Cambodia on Air America planes. Air America is a "CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) front air line," he said.

"The CIA controls the drug traffic.

"If young men need the stimulation of marijuana to carry on a conversation

with their girlfriends, they would be better off sitting under a tree talking to their grandmothers.

"Until you clear out your body, you'll never get your mind pure," he said.

Gregory called on the young people in his audience to make America change for the better.

"You got a big job because we older folks have left you a big mess to clean up."

But young people can do it, he said.

"If you can run LBJ back to the ranch . . . don't tell me you can't deal with a chump." Gregory said little will change as long as Richard Nixon remains President.

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Gregory To Speak At Miami

OXFORD — Black comedian turned civil rights - activist Dick Gregory will speak at Miami University's Withrow Court tomorrow at 3 p.m. as part of continued low-key anti-war protests.

Gregory first became famous as a black humorist but several



years ago became actively involved in civil rights demonstrations and protests against the Vietnam War.

He has gained recent fame for a hunger

Gregory fast which he says will continue until the war is over. He began the fast shortly after an appearance in Middletown April 23, 1971. The university speakers board and Black Student Action Association are sponsoring Gregory's speech.

The antiwar demonstrations here came after President Nixon's speech last Monday night and have dwindled to a few "alternate university classes" and infrequent speeches. About 30 students are continuing their round-the-clock vigil on the steps of the administration building and are still sleeping in tents and sleeping bags through the night.

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Black activist comedian Gregory lambasts CIA

By PAUL PERRY

Even "garbage foods" — that vast assortment of white flour cakes and pastries that hold less nutritional value than white paste — must look good to Dick Gregory by now.

The man in the yellow shirt thinks this as he looks across the tiny room at Tempe's Howard Johnson's. He sees Dick Gregory standing there, looking like a black-skinned Ghandi.

Gregory has gone a year without solid foods. His weight is down from a high of 288 pounds to a skin and bone weight of 96 pounds.

"I'll bet you'd even like a doughnut right now," says yellow shirt.

"No, I'm too much of a health nut for that," Gregory says, sitting down on a blue vinyl chair in the corner. "Besides, I have to keep this fast up until the war is over. It's become a matter of principle now."

Yellow shirt sits down in a chair next to Gregory. "Do you think the people who count care if you're fasting?" he asks.

The question seems to be a familiar one and Gregory's reply is quick. "I'm sure that when Ghandi started fasting it didn't bother the English," he says, putting his palms on the armrests and pushing himself out of the chair. "But my fasting will get to them eventually."

He walks two or three steps to the color television and flicks it on. Changing channels through Dick Cavett, Johnny Carson and two late night movies, he finally stops at channel 8 and a program called "Soul." Adjusting the color to his satisfaction, he returns to his chair.

"A lot of performers claim to have trouble with the CIA," says yellow shirt. "Have you had much trouble with them?"

"No more than anyone else who entertains on campuses, or that lives in this country for that matter," Gregory says. "Do you realize that the Pentagon has computer files and dossiers on 44-million Americans? We're following the same path that the Nazis did, and we'll probably end up under a military dictatorship in two years."

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Yellow shirt is curious. "How about specifics," he asks. "Can you name any specific personal instances of CIA harassment?"

"Twenty-four hours a day. They come to me when I'm in my room —" Gregory's getting excited now and his voice is getting higher and faster — "they come to me as press. Just like you sitting there. The agents come this way but it doesn't bother me, because what am I doing? If they got time to waste then I do too."

"You said once in an Ebony Magazine profile that you thought the CIA would try to topple the United States. Do you still believe that?" asks yellow shirt.

"I think they will. I think that's what Malcolm X was talking about," says Gregory, getting up and turning the sound off on the television. "I think the CIA is responsible for the assassination of JFK, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and Robert Kennedy."

"But they caught the assassins in all those cases," said yellow shirt, "and none of them were CIA agents."

Yellow shirt gets that. "man are you uninformed" look from Gregory. "You never heard of a patsy, man?"

"You think someone like Sirhan was a CIA patsy?"

"There's already two guns that come up," says Gregory. "Look up the papers for the week that Bobby was shot. Some reporters, not meaning to imply anything, counted the bullets fired and came up with 13. Baby, that little 22 that Sirhan had didn't hold 13 bullets."

"Why wasn't that brought up in the trial?" asks yellow shirt.

Dick Gregory looks positively exasperated at this question. "Its just come out that there was two guns. "And" — he leans forward and looks yellow shirt directly in the eyes — "it's just come out that the D.A. knew it all along. A lot of weird stuff's happening. Did you know that when James Earl Ray was picked up in the London airport he had \$400,000 in small bills in a suitcase? That's a fact that only comes out in hippy newspapers."

"Sounds like you believe the establishment press is being regulated by someone."

The pitch of Gregory's voice again climbs with excitement. "Somebody's regulating it. After the Calley trials it came out that a lot of newsmen were present at the My Lai massacre who filed stories on it. Why didn't their stories make it back to this country?"

Gregory gets up from the chair and makes it the few steps to the bed. Removing his jacket and loosening his tie, he sits down and scratches his head.

"I remember hearing you on the news one night say that nonviolence is phoney. Do you still believe that?"

"Of course I do," says Gregory. "When people in this country talk about

nonviolence, they are talking about the black man and not the white. They want to keep the nigger a nigger."

Gregory yawns and lays back on the bed. He has just finished a two-hour speech at ASU and the man in the yellow shirt knows that Gregory must be tired by now. He stands up and looks down at Gregory.

"One more question," says yellow shirt.

"Shoot," says Gregory.

"Can you sum up your entire message in a sentence or two?"

"The problems confronting America today are not problems of black against white. They are problems of good against evil, an evil that can only be dealt with by strong morals and education."



Dick Gregory

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Scheduled Tuesday

Dick Gregory Slated To Give UofA Speech

Civil rights activist and Vietnam war critic, Dick Gregory will speak at the University of Albuquerque baseball field at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Gregory's appearance, co-sponsored by the University of New Mexico Student Speakers Committee, is the fifth of this year's speakers series at UNM. Admission is by season ticket and individual tickets at the door, with UNM and UofA students, faculty, and staff admitted free.

Gregory will speak on "Social Problems — Social or Anti-Social." The internationally-recognized comedian and actor now is in the middle of a lengthy fast and weighs less than 100 pounds. He proposes to continue the fast until the end of American engagement in Southeast Asia.

Gregory's autobiography, "Nigger," was a best seller and he has a second book, "Sermons," also on the market. He has made innumerable lectures and is one of the most popular speakers at colleges and universities in the country. The Ku Klux Klan named Gregory the man that organization most hated.

Gregory was born 39 years ago in St. Louis and attended Southern Illinois University, where he was named that school's outstanding athlete in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. After leaving the Army he began a climb to the top of the entertainment world, climaxed by several television appearances and a record album.

His work in civil rights and other social causes began soon after that.

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Activist-Critic-Comedian Dick Gregory
Speaks at UofA Tuesday Night

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Ex-Presidential Hopeful Gregory Talks of Food

By JUDY MAHAFFEY

Of The Dispatch Staff

For a man who has consumed only fruit juice since April 24, Dick Gregory—the latest nominee for the Ohio State University presidency—has a lot to say about food.

The former independent U.S. presidential candidate held a press conference Wednesday morning at the Christopher Inn following a one-night stand at Mershon Auditorium, sponsored by the OSU Freshman Senate as a highlight of Black Togetherness Week on the OSU campus.



HE WAS accompanied

Wednesday by his 1968 U.S. presidential campaign manager, A. Donald Bourgeois, now chairman of the Black Education Center at OSU.

The bearded Gregory, conservatively attired in a stylish blue suit, is thin. The former chunky comedian said he vowed on April 24 he would not eat solid food until the war in Vietnam has ended and even then he will eat only fruit, he said, because he is a "fruitarian."

Gregory said his appearance at OSU is part of a nationwide lecture tour scheduled at about 300 universities over the next 10 months.

HIS SPEECHES consider "the problems confronting America and the young kids' role in solving them," he said.

"One of the problems is the failure of the press to inform the American people," he said. "In any democratic society, is the press' job to give information to keep the people free."

"They are too busy running ads on food in supermarkets to inform people that 98 per cent of all chickens sold in this country are cancer infected."

GREGORY SAYS he supports a research staff of 36 people and their "food research has tremendous political implications."

About 75 per cent of all beef is also cancer infected, he said, as a result of hormone injections used to promote growth of animals.

"In the surgeon general's office for 20 years there has been proven research that more stomach cancer is caused by coffee than lung cancer caused by cigarettes."

White sugar and white flour are also unwholesome, Gregory said. "There is no way this unhealthy, unwholesome food should get down to the American people."

GREGORY SAID the federal government's ability to remove harmful consumer items from the market was evidenced in the banning of cyclamates after research indicated the sugar substitute caused cancer.

"Cyclamates were taken off. Why not cigarettes? The

sugar lobby made a move and busted cyclamates," Gregory said indicating lobbyists for tobacco firms are responsible for cigarettes being allowed to remain on the market.

Gregory also blames the federal government for the availability of harmful drugs in America. "In the poppy fields of Turkey if they were growing nuclear bombs, they wouldn't be smuggled. This nation admits enough drugs to be smuggled in this country to feed a whole generation."

TO COMBAT the drug problem, Gregory said, "we've got to deal with the federal government, the politicians and the police . . . to see that drugs don't get smuggled into the country, and then put a minor emphasis on the user."

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Dick Gregory to open ISU's Forum series

Dick Gregory, nationally known comedian, author and lecturer, will open Illinois State University's 1971-72 Forum series with a free lecture at 8 p.m. Monday in Horton Field House.

The series, financed with student fees, was inaugurated in response to student requests for nationally known speakers to appear on campus.

Ralph Nader, Walter J. Hickel, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy and Mayors Carl Stokes and Sam Yorty are among the eight speakers to appear in the Forum Series.

Mr. Gregory, who achieved early fame as an actor and comedian, has been a leader in the civil rights movement. His subject Monday will deal with "Social Problems—Social or Anti-Social."

It has been said that he has spent more time in southern jails, marched in more demonstrations, prevented more racial violence and worked harder for black civil rights than any other entertainer in the nation.

His autobiography, "Nigger," has been a best seller and his newest book, "Sermons," promises to be a bigger success.



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Gregory aims for state of mind

The salvation of Dick Gregory, the 97-pound starling, is his sense of humor. It is salvation for an audience who hears him as well.

Whether the humor be black, sick, rancid or light and lively matters little. Mr. Gregory himself could not survive his own massively bleak impressions of the world did he not provide internal relief for desperation. Listeners would have perished long ago.

Mr. Gregory is something more than a nasty Will Rogers and something less than a 20th century Jonathan Swift. But what he really is — a humorist turned to social issues or a social critic employing humor — eludes easy classification.

Perhaps it could be said what Gregory is not. He is not a comedian. The comic treasures the laugh in the material. The humorist treasures the material producing the laugh.

The humorist Gregory wants to be believed — laughed with rather than at. Therefore, his wit is to be examined by the discriminating for its content. One can even question whether a fat Dick Gregory would be so effective a propagandist as an emaciated one. Gregory uses a wide selection of skills to convince, and his spare ribs are as much a part of his arsenal as his spare wit.

There are more things twixt heaven and earth than joked of in

Mr. Gregory's philosophy, but Gregory does have a heart-line to some of the important things — important to the black, the put-upon, the hopeless.

Mr. Gregory's greatest failing, it seems to us, is his inability to give his victims the same flesh, feel and reality he gives the victimized. Even the most skilled propaganda lacks substance when the target obviously is a stereotype. None knows that better than an intelligent black man.

Still, Gregory the humorist aims for a state of mind in listeners. A change of mind is reversed for those who hear him. And that's still not a regulated human activity.

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Criticism seasoned with humor as Gregory lists nation's ills

Blending humor and biting attack, Dick Gregory Monday night catalogued the nation's social ills so thoroughly one assumed he believed his audience had forgotten them.

Politics, racism, the war, drugs, poverty, hunger, police, alcoholism, women's liberation, sex, the youth vote, over-population, the Nixon administration, spying, religion, the economy, prisons, civil rights, black power, Lieutenant Calley, Rap Brown, George Jackson, Angela Davis—even the riot in Pittsburgh Sunday following the Pirate's win in the World Series—almost every topic on which anyone troubles to form an opinion was taken as his subject.

It took almost two hours to touch every subject, but the near-capacity crowd in Illinois State University's Horton Field House seemed not to tire.

Introduced by ISU President David K. Berlo as a man "who has been willing to lay it all on the line for what he believes," Mr. Gregory alternated between comedy and hard-edged criticism, revealing that his fame has come from an ability to make a point with either.

First target

Politicians fell first. If Alabama Governor George Wallace was as sincere about opposing busing of school children as he had been about opposing school integration, why didn't

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he stand in front of a bus? Mr. Gregory asked.

Vice president Spiro Agnew went through a wrist-cutting ceremony to become a "brother" in a recent visit to Africa. Mr. Gregory found it hard to believe that Mr. Agnew was "dumb enough to believe he had to go all the way to Africa to get cut."

President Richard M. Nixon has "messed up the money so bad" he could "compete with God in the next election and never win," Mr. Gregory said.

Commenting on a headline which said the Army "intelligence" admitted to spying on civilians, Mr. Gregory said, "If I had a choice of who I would want to spy on me, I would pick the Army."

The young, of which his audience was mostly comprised, he termed the most honest, dedicated and moral generation of all time. What if such a generation had protested the madness of Adolph Hitler in the late 1930's? he asked.

Record lockup

Of the May Day demonstrations in Washington, D.C., he noted that 7,000 people had gone to jail in one day, the most ever in a single day.

They had gone to jail, he said, for trying to force the Nixon administration to get out of Vietnam.

In the four days of the demonstration, he said, 13,000 had been arrested, having chosen to "sit down in front of a bridge so they wouldn't have to sit down in front of a bullet."

President Nixon and Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell were on television several

days running before the demonstration, threatening the demonstrators, saying they would not tolerate lawlessness, Mr. Gregory recalled.

"Wouldn't it be nice," he said, "if we had a President and an attorney general who would get on television and threaten dope pushers? . . . Nixon has never said a derogatory word about the Mafia."

The Washington police department was brilliant, he said. "Did you ever realize how brilliant you'd have to be to arrest 7,000 people in one day and never even get one criminal?"

Don't try

Referring to the Sunday night riot in Pittsburgh, he said, "You get out in the street and protest and do the same things as they did, and there'd be 500 of you killed."

Parents know that marijuana is harmful because they have superior wisdom, Mr. Gregory said. "Alcohol preserves the wisdom in the top of your head . . . We put up with the bad taste so we can get enough wisdom to guide you youngsters right."

Marijuana leads to "other things," he recalled as the argument against it. "Everybody who is drinking alcohol in America started out drinking milk," he replied.

Yet he also knocked those who think that smoking pot is "anti-system." If the conditions of the poor and oppressed "aren't enough to get you high, then you above gettin' high, baby."

Drugs may be permitted by the establishment, he hinted. Funny that a

nine-year-old child in Harlem can buy heroin on the street, "but the FBI can't find it," he said.

Referring to Lt. William Calley, he said, "If we take a confessed murderer of women and kids and make him a hero, then we're in trouble."

Solution

The Attica Prison upheaval has recently been called a mistake which arose over a football game, he said. "That's the way America deals with most of her mistakes," Mr. Gregory said. "She try to shoot them."

He added, "Any day now America might just decide you young folks is a mistake."

Can America be a "nation under God," he asked, "when the people who is harvesting your crops is dying of malnutrition?"

Crime could be better dealt with, he said, "if you put the crime syndicate in jail and keep them as long waitin' for their trial as you kept Angela Davis waitin' for hers."

Mr. Gregory said he was recently harassed by a racist policeman who mistook the race of a light-skinned black woman in his car. He said he has had to put up with the racist "because his great-great-grandfather didn't have enough decency to stay out of the slave trade."

He suggested the students start a Christmas buying boycott. It would end the war, he said, and would also "wipe out Phase Two, Three and Four and also wipe out Dick Nixon."



Light talker

Weighing in at 101 pounds because of a fast in protest of the war, Dick Gregory, comic-critic, catalogued the nation's ills Monday night before a near-capacity crowd at ISU's Horton Field House. (Pantagraph Photo)

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Holiday bird boycott urged by Gregory

By Joe Pilati
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Dick Gregory came to Boston's Ford Hall Forum last night to talk turkey and urge boycotting the birds during the coming holidays.

"If you young people would call for a nationwide boycott of turkeys this Thanksgiving and Christmas, turkey farmers would have to join the peace movement," Gregory told a capacity crowd of 1500 at Jordan Hall.

Gregory has been boycotting all solid food since April 24, when he told a San Francisco antiwar rally that he would fast until the Vietnam war is ended. Once a strapping 280-pounder, Gregory now weighs about 105.

Asked whether his fast had affected national leaders, Gregory replied: "I wouldn't give up eating for three minutes to impress tyrants. You do it to this kind of thing to impress tyrant. You do it to rally decent people."

Gregory also called upon his predominantly under-30 audience to initiate other boycotts as a means of underscoring "how much we're against this war. If you boycott all General Motors products, the chairman of the board of GM don't have to go to Washington and sit down on a bridge to get Nikson's attention."

He said disclosures of Army spying on civilians "didn't really impress me. I can always spot Army Intelligence in an audience. They're the guys with new beards with the price tags hanging right off them. And who else would be wearing spit-shined sandals?"

Gregory deplored those "who believe you can change the system by smoking pot," labeling them "revolutionary pimps." "I'd rather see this country stay the same than have young people feel you need to smoke pot and drink alcohol to change it."

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From The Black House

Manical Madness And The Police

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In speaking of the recent double murder of two Harlem patrolmen, New York City Police Commissioner Patrick V. Murphy said that the shootings were the "planned" and "organized" work of "madmen." The Commissioner further described the killings as "deliberate, unprovoked and maniacal." "Not a citizen in New York is safe," Murphy warned, "while these madmen are loose."

The double murder was the climax of a week's hostilities against the police. Earlier two police officers had been critically wounded by machine gun fire; two other patrolmen escaped injury when the weapon of a would-be gunman misfired, and a bus dispatcher who was mistakenly identified by assailants as a police officer had lye thrown in his face.

There is, of course, a madness in all this. But the maniacal madness runs deeper than attacks upon policemen. Recent word from Seattle, Washington, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, shows clearly that police themselves are involved in "planned, organized and deliberate" insanity.

Take, for example, the case of returned Vietnam war veteran Larry E. Ward, a Black soldier who came back home to the ghetto with two Purple Hearts and an Army commendation medal. He came back March 27, 1970, after having successfully survived the gunfire of the so-called "enemy" in the jungles of Southeast Asia for fifteen months. May 15, 1970, Larry Ward lay dead in the streets of his hometown, the victim of wounds inflicted by the Seattle police.

Los Angeles Times reporter Richard T. Cooper has unraveled a terrible tale which shows that Larry Ward was also the victim of the peculiar planned, organized, manical madness that pervades the American system. Larry Ward was allegedly lighting a bomb at the offices of Morris Hardcastle Real Estate in Seattle when he met his death. How he happened to be there is a sickening study in law and order.

A series of 60 bombings in Seattle over a two year period had placed the police under intense public and political pressure. The Seattle police and the FBI were working hand in hand when word came from a 26-year-old convict that named Alfred R. Burnett, in prison for robbery and parole violation, Burnett said he had information concerning who was doing the bombing in the Seattle ghetto (Central Area). Two months before Larry Ward was dispatched

from the Army, Burnett was released from prison on \$5,000 bail. Burnett began giving the police tips about expected bombings, stakeouts were arranged, but none of the tips paid off. In a sworn statement to his family lawyer, Burnett tells how he made sure one tip would work.

Burnett began planting bombing ideas in the mind of Jimmy Davis, a former Black Panther and a friend of Larry Ward's. The Hardcastle bombing was set up for the night of May 14, 1970, with a police stakeout carefully arranged by Burnett. Burnett had expected Jimmy Davis to be the bomber, but when the time came, Davis was nowhere to be found. So Burnett made an offer to Larry Ward, an offer which included a \$75 pay off. (Larry Ward, incidentally, had not found work since his return home, though he had made several applications).

So Larry Ward took his \$75 and the sticks of dynamite and was driven by Burnett to the scene of the crime. He was unarmed. On the way to the site of the bombing, Burnett made an excuse to stop and he secretly made a phone call. Burnett told the police that the would be bomber

was Larry Ward instead of Jimmy Davis and that Ward was unarmed. Burnett also described the year, make, model, and color of the car he was driving.

The trap was set. When Larry Ward struck the match to light the dynamite, he ignited a volley of police fire from the stakeout. Supposedly the police did not fire until Ward started running away and refused to halt, but police experts testified that there were some bullets marks in the doorway of Hardcastle.

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So the young Black decorated Vietnam veteran, already trapped in the unemployment syndrome of the ghetto, became the fatal victim of the system's most visibly brutal form of entrapment.

Then there's the more recent case in Chattanooga, Tennessee of the police shooting of a young 22 year old Black man by the name of Leon Anderson. Leon Anderson was shot on the fourth night of community conflict which had placed the Black community of Chattanooga under virtual seige by the police and National guard. The initial outbreak of violence occurred when disgruntled members of a concert audience began to react to the last minute cancellation of a scheduled appearance by a popular Black entertainer.

The police claim that Leon Anderson was out after curfew, was fleeing from them and ignoring their orders to halt, was climbing a wire fence to escape, and had turned menacingly towards them before shots were fired.

Community witnesses, however, tell a far different tale. It seems indisputable that Anderson was very, very intoxicated. The autopsy report shows it; Anderson's friends who were drinking with him tell that the drinking had gone on all day; and a neighbor, Will Ernest Hart, described the youth's condition: "Leon was just stumbling along, didn't know moonlight from sweet milk, and right at the corner they (the police) just opened up on him." Hart insisted that there had been no warning calls or shots and that the police fired out through the car windows.

All of this is to say that there is maniacal madness on both sides -- citizens who shoot police and police who shoot citizens. Both types of killings represent the kind of magnitude which ought to be the concern of the federal government. To borrow Commissioner Murphy's words, no citizen is safe while either kind of mad killer is on the loose.

I personally believe that anyone who kills a policeman in the line of duty should be guilty of a federal crime. I further believe that a policeman who wantonly and unnecessarily kills a citizen should also be guilty of a federal crime.

The widows and families of policemen killed in the line of duty should also become the responsibility of the federal government. Such families should be given \$50,000 from the government, as well as the compensation which they now receive from other sources.

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Fasting Is a Way to Protest

Gregory, a Portrait in
Self-DisciplineBy KEN MATTHEWS
Staff Writer

Dick Gregory's enigmatic method of protesting the war in Vietnam, and what he calls the "degenerate" society which allows it, springs to illumination with but one consideration.

This is that Gregory, who visited Boise and Mountain Home this week, is a man seeking total commitment through self-discipline.

During performances Tuesday night, comments were made by members of both the primarily young audiences and by older patrons who spurn the ways of any protest. Their agreement seemed to be that Gregory is a sincere man.

The black comedian and freedom fighting social activist has become almost mystic in his search for self-discipline. One of his habits is to cover his legs at night with sliced potatoes, an easy practice in Idaho.

Another apparent quirk, his belief that beet juice cures cancer, "actually" is scientifically grounded. While Gregory does not drink any vegetable juice, he does not have cancer. But those who do, he explained, take cobalt treatments and cobalt is absorbed from the soil and found in beets.

Having flirted with vegetarianism for some five years and eventually settling upon being a fruitarian, one who drinks only fruit juices and water in alternate cycles of four days, Gregory has fasted himself down to 101 pounds.

The fast has lasted 95 days and even then pales in comparison with an earlier abstinence which was down to 89 pounds, a contrast to his peak weight of many years ago, 288 pounds.

To supplement his fasting, Gregory tries to run several miles a day. He postponed his scheduled five-mile jaunt in Mountain Home Wednesday morning and planned an afternoon eight-miler when he arrived in Chicago.

Running for an emaciated man of 101 pounds is difficult chore, a problem the comedian partially solves with visits to chiropractors wherever he goes. He saw one in Mountain Home Tuesday evening before strolling almost lamely around for the stage for a performance at the Covered Wagon, an anti-war GI coffeehouse.

His use of potatoes as a poultice or healing application for his troubled legs may be viewed in a larger context as the key to his personality of self-discipline.

Gregory through self-discipline — fasting, running, speaking out against the evils that he sees in his phrenetic bounds back and forth across the nation — is attempting to heal a nation he calls "insane."

Personally he said fasting allows him to "put reason over passion." His methods he hopes serve as an example to the young people he refers to as America's only hope. "You've got a hell of an obligation," he tells them.

His desire to serve as a human poultice was what drew him to Boise. As he said Tuesday night, "I've got a lot more to do with my time than crawl out here on an airplane, so you must know you're doing something."

"You don't realize how much courage you're giving people when they can say — 'They're getting it together in Idaho,'" he told the Capital High School group, many of whom had put in long hours for the Mountain Home coffeehouse.

Meanwhile, as he flew to Chicago for the first leg in a

flurry of speaking engagements, Gregory remained in a state deeper than skepticism about the way the nation is run.

"Every time Nixon leaves the country, I'm afraid he might know something," he had said in a typical blend of humor and hard-biting anti-war conviction. "How can you trust a guy whose jaw is moving and he's not even talking?"

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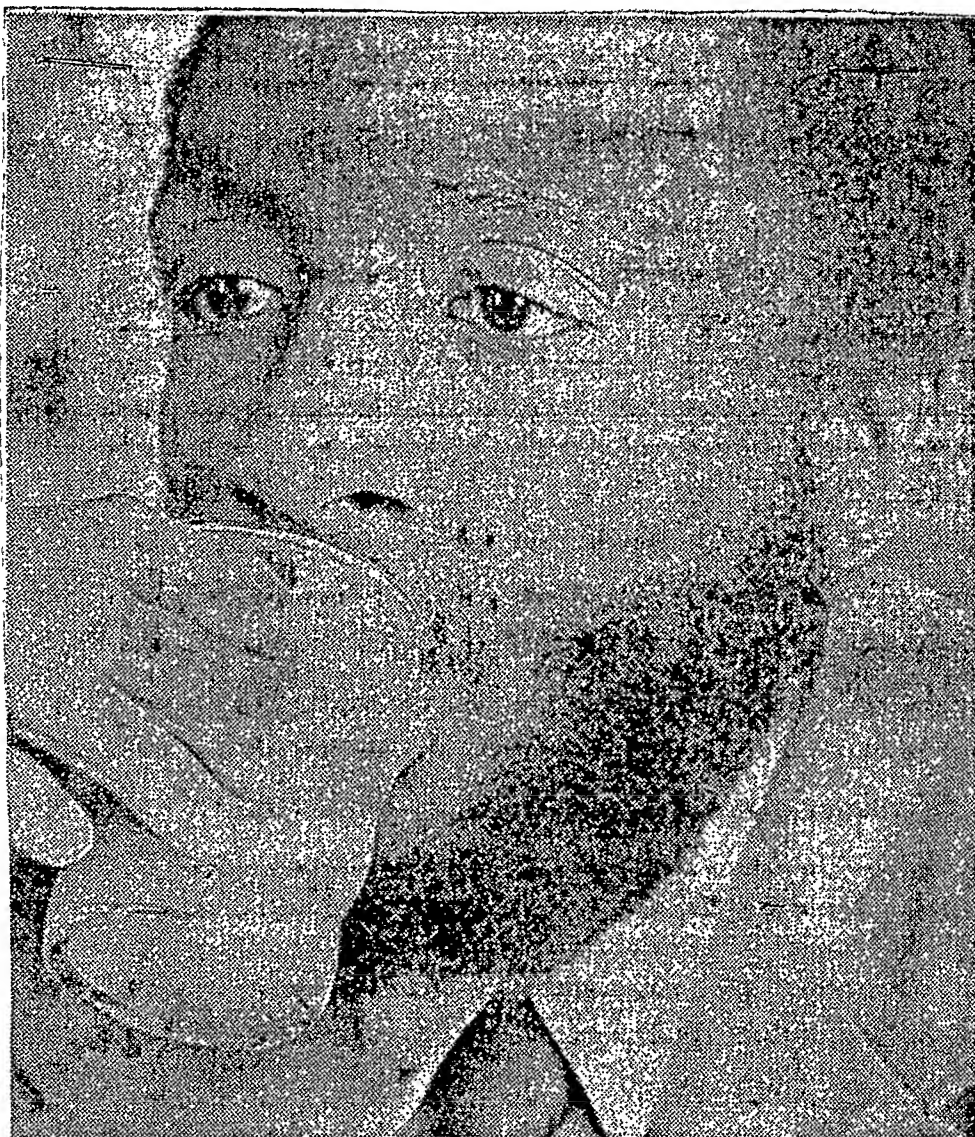
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Sipping on a little of the gallon of fruit juice he drinks each day during the four-day period he does not drink water, Dick Gregory met with anti-war people in the area Tuesday and gave two performances, one in Mountain Home and one in Boise. Gregory has made it down to 101 pounds by juices like organic African apple and a blend of guava, passion fruit, papaya and lemon, which he drank while in Boise. The juices he brought were "alcoholized" by pressure in flight. Claiming to have studied nutrition to the point where "I'm not going to die," Gregory says friends have quit lending him money.

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Dick Gregory in Oakland

Black Rage and Hope

By Dick Hallgren

Dick Gregory, who used to be a comedian before he became completely absorbed in black rage, declared in Oakland yesterday that he thinks Angela Davis is "definitely a political prisoner" and the "victim of a plot."

Gregory, who spoke at a press conference and before more than 2000 mostly black Laney College students at Oakland Auditorium, said he doubted Miss Davis could have committed what she's accused of—smuggling guns, conspiring to murder a Marin county judge—without being found out in advance by the authorities.

He said that the FBI and the CIA have so infiltrated Communist circles in America that anyone who says he's a Communist—as Miss Davis has—is "watched. And a black is twice watched. And a militant is twice twice watched."

HANDCUFFS

The handcuffs Miss Davis wore when she was taken to the Marin county jail were "bracelets of dedication," he added. "Just because The Man puts you in jail doesn't make you a criminal."

He also observed, regarding the infiltration that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover "could probably run Russia better than the Russians can."

The subject of Miss Davis was only one of dozens of dilemmas he discussed in his wildly hilarious, incredibly

angry dissertation before the students. The students, for their part, were overjoyed, and cries of "right on" and "power to the people" echoed throughout the auditorium during nearly all of the more than two-hour speech.

THEMES

Gregory, who in his purely comic days was considered a master of the devices of timing and intonation, continued to use them to great effect on his two major themes:

Black Americans are "tired, tired, TIRED of the racist inconsistencies of this society. That's what we're talking about."

"Young folks, you gotta big job. Got a big job, a big job. The very fate and destiny of America depends on you."

He reminded his listeners continuously of the tremendous task they face in dealing with America's problems, since "we older folks have proved were not morally responsible to solve them."

CAMPUSES

And he said he now spends "90 per cent of my time on college campuses" because today's young people are "the most orally honest, dedicated, ethical group of young people in the history of this country, bar none."

Gregory said he fears a Greek-style, CIA-led takeover in America, and that he feels uneasy whenever the president leaves the country, "because I've got the sneaking suspicion he knows something."

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Other than that, though, he said he thought President Nixon was "so mellow," since black folks know that "he's not going to do nothing for us..."

Consequently, black Americans are in a better position in America than they have ever been: "You'd be surprised how much progress you can make when you know you got to do it yourself."

He said he stayed up all night watching the results of the November elections, but he might just as well have been watching the Polish elections, since "both sides claimed victory. The next morning, Nixon was on television claiming that the Republicans had made 'significant gains.'"

"So I sent him a telegram saying that 'a couple more significant gains like that would wipe out the Republican party.'"

Gregory said he "digs (vice president) Agnew," though, because "I think he's putting everybody on. I don't believe it's humanly possible for one man to be born that dumb. He reminds me of the kind of guy who would make a crank call to the Russians on the hot line."

DEPRESSION

He said that on an airplane recently a white businessman told him that Mr. Nixon was taking this country into another depression.

Gregory said he replied: "Putting you all into another depression. We never came out of the last one."

And, "tight money? We didn't know what it was like when it was loose."

"Prime interest rate? Eleven per cent? Sounds low to me. I paid 44 per cent on a television set I bought in 1956."

He said black people "are

so sick and tired of your inconsistencies" and that the difference now is that "we understand it, and we're reacting to it. You're uptight because I'm bleeding on your rug — but you cut me."

POLICE

He also reserved special contempt for white police in black ghettos (he was reared in one in Chicago.)

"When I was 6 years old, I knew who was the whore, the pimp, the hustler, the dope pusher. But I just couldn't believe that at 6 years old I

was that much smarter than the police."

Gregory said he got "the biggest surprise of my life" when he went back to Africa.

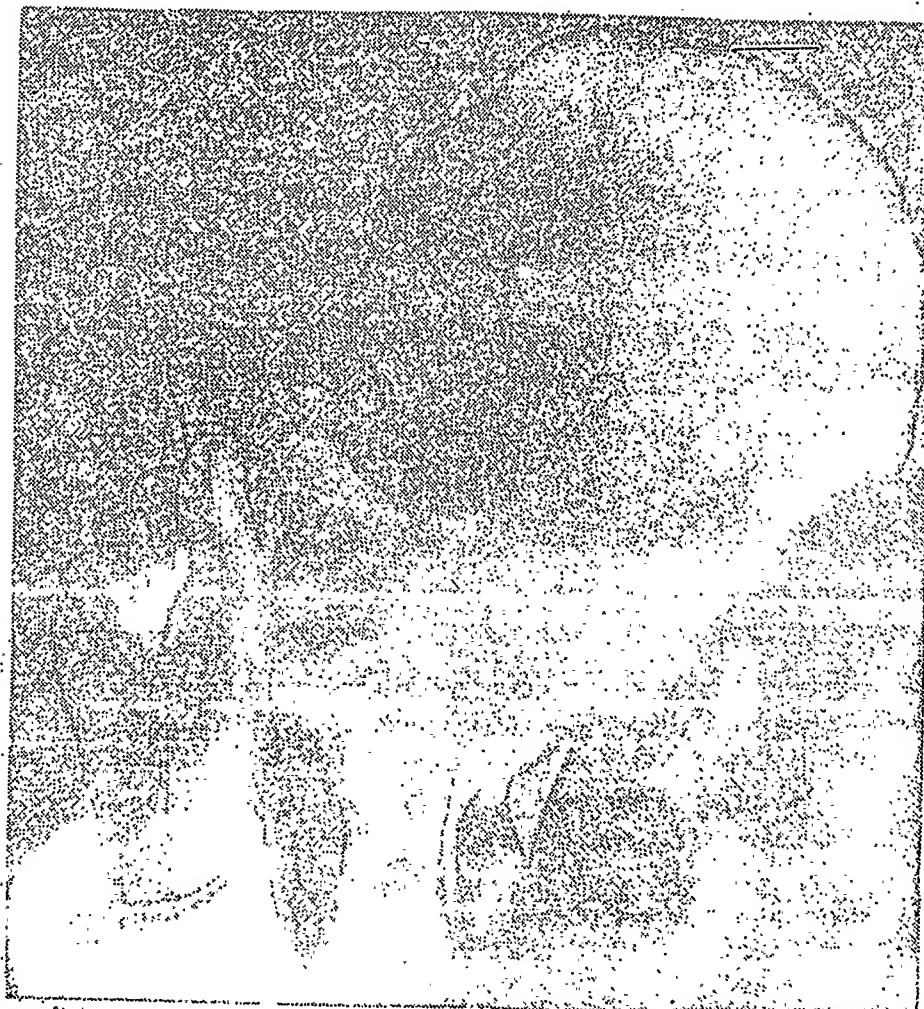
"I had to go back to Africa to find out I'm a white boy

... a chocolate-colored white boy. All my hangups is white. My face might upset you, but inside my head I am as white as you are."

"So I say, youngsters, you got a big job."

"But if you look further than the problem, you might see the cause. And if you deal with the cause, all the problems will be wiped out."

"Young people, you got a BIG job."



DICK GREGORY DURING HIS OAKLAND APPEARANCE

'Fate and destiny of America' depends on young people

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EVERYBODY BUT GREGORY

They All Laughed --Almost



COMEDIAN GREGORY BEARS DOWN
 "You Can Bring Sanity Back." (Sheckler Photo)

By DAVID DRIVER
 Journal Staff Writer

The only thing Dick Gregory didn't bring to Middletown with him last night was warpaint and feathers.

But he brought 700 noticeably entertained and moved people to their feet in a standing ovation.

"America has a cowboy mentality," he said in an almost revivalist-type delivery. "The decade of the '60s was cowboys and Indians between whites and blacks, only we've learned to take off our warpaint and feathers and quit being the injuns."

Gregory, 38-year-old black everything-at-one-time-or-another, threw barbs at every social ill in sight, making the audience in Dave Finkelman Auditorium come back for more, and then hitting them over the head again with a message not only for the black man but for

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the entire human race.

He poked at everything from the cigarette manufacturers ("they won't tell you that tobacco and nicotine destroy your sex glands") to Abe Lincoln ("he not only had a beard, he was ugly, too"). The audience, nearly half black, laughed and laughed, usually when he wanted them to, sometimes when he didn't.

But Gregory, never laughed once. He just made faces, bore down harder as he went along, and ended two hours and 10 minutes of blistering monologue with "God bless you. Peace and freedom."

SOME OF his introductory ribs: "The airlines treat hijackers better than people who want to fly to Middletown". "Agnew is so dumb he'd make a crank call to the Russians on the hot line". "If I were President, I'd take

all the locks off the doors of poor black people. — they don't have anything to steal except maybe a pound of greens."

But Gregory, who spends most of his time on the college campuses these days, became more vehement and serious as he went on.

He questioned why everybody else is under the U.S. Constitution while blacks are under a civil rights bill. "We had 32 cents for our dollar before. Now we have 64 cents for our dollar, but we want the full dollar's worth of change for the dollar. And, if we don't get it, we'll see that the cash register doesn't ever ring again."

He jived and he shuffled, saying that when times are bad white folks "call us brothers. When times are good, they call us niggers again. (An elderly black couple shifted nervously in their seats.)

"By the time Nixon gets through messing around with America, you're going to blame us for him," he added.

GREGORY'S appearance was presented free of charge by the Black Student Action Association of Miami University's Middletown Campus. Most of the audience were students.

"Us old people have really messed the country up," Gregory said, "and you young people have a big job ahead of you," he added, echoing what the late Whitney M. Young Jr. told Middletonians here in February.

"The one thing you've got is moral force. You can bring sanity back to an insane nation. Not with dynamite or guns, but with ethical and honest decisions. My thanks to you for changing the civil rights movement to the human rights movement."

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Gregory says buying halt best weapon for change

BY PAT HOUTZ
 HUNTSVILLE

The dollar runs politics and politicians. On the United States, Dick Gregory, comedian turned black activist, told a group of University of Alabama Huntsville campus students Monday night.

SO THE MOST effective weapon in the hands of young people who want change is economic boycott, he said.

"If you stopped buying records for a while, you would soon have the record companies lobbying for your causes. I guarantee that," Gregory told the crowd of several hundred.

"If we stopped Christmas spending for two years straight," he added, department store chains would be "in Washington trying to help us feed the hungry."

Gregory also told the students that "big compa-

nies," not individuals, are responsible for air pollution problems.

The way to whip the situation, he said, is to "just get together and select one big car manufacturer and say you are not going to buy his car until he produces a pollution-free vehicle that will get 40 miles to the gallon."

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Gregory makes his point. (photo by Jerry Kampa)

Students niggers'

By DAVE RUPEL
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Dick Gregory, black comedian and social critic, called America's young people "the most honest, ethical, dedicated moral generation in the history of this country, bar none."

Gregory interspersed wry humor with seriousness to a crowd of thousands mostly young students in Edmundson Pavilion last night.

The theme was that young people have a "big job." The speech opened with a few jokes about Nixon and Agnew.

"I saw Nixon on television," Gregory said. "I always get mad when the president is in this country because he doesn't know something — when he gives a speech, it becomes a mess." Gregory became a member of the group in charge.

Agnew's so crazy he made a crank call to the news on the hotline.

"Other than that, I kind of dig Agnew myself, because I think he's just a put-on. You see, I don't believe it's humanly possible for one man to be that dumb," he said.

Gregory's mood changed when he said, "I'm moved today to speak on college campuses because you young people have a big job. And you haven't got much time because in another 18 months or two years, this country is going to be under a dictatorship."

On the flag salute he said: "We got Indians locked up on reservations, we got poor people in jail. Do you really believe this is one nation under God? Well baby, let me tell you something, if this is a nation under God, I would hate to see one under the devil!"

On hang-ups of the older generation: "I'd like to see you young folks vote back prohibition—you ain't seen no revolution," he said. "I'd like to see the old folks brigade march into

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Laos and Cambodia, and let John Wayne lead the charge!"

Gregory said that his father was killed by a German in 1942. "The insult is that that same German could move to this country tonight and could live in a neighborhood you would not permit my daddy's boy to live in."

He said that police in the Chicago ghetto are patrolling with double-barrel shotguns—a weapon outlawed by the Geneva Convention for use against an enemy. "We're tired of these insults, that's all."

He said that the white establishment is "always blaming something good on the Communists."

"You say free the poor folks from jail. It's a Communist plot, you say feed the hungry folks, it's a Communist plot, you say give the Indians back their land, it's a Communist plot, you ain't never blamed nothing bad on the Communists!"

On the Laotian invasion, he said: "I learned something I didn't know in the last few days. You can take your air force and go bomb the hell out of the people in Laos, as long as you don't go on the ground and it's not an invasion. What about when the Japanese bombed our fleet in 1941? We were so dumb we thought it was an invasion," he said.

Gregory closed with a lengthy fable about cowboys and Indians. In the beginning, there was the great white father and the Indian. The cowboy went all over the world claiming that the red man was savage. When the Indians were slaughtered off and stacked in reservations, they needed a new "injun."

Then came the Irish, the Jews, and the Italians. One after another, they all quit playing "injun."

Then the "nigger" became the new "injun," Gregory said. "We'd still be Indian today, had it not been for Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown—those cats taught us a valuable lesson. We had to stop being ashamed of being black," he said.

Then came May 4, 1970, Kent State. "The 'nigger' had stopped playing 'injun,' so the great white father turned to the white kids." Four were killed in Ohio and two in Jackson, Miss.

Gregory asked, "Will you please permit an ex-nigger to explain what your new duties is all about?"

"One is that you get blamed for everything. Fifty-year-old men can do the bombing, but it's always the young who get blamed," he said.

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Gregory Charms UALR Audi With His 'History of the United States'

By MIKE TRIMBLE
 Of the Gazette Staff

Dick Gregory, the black comedian and social critic, spoke for three hours Tuesday afternoon at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and the audience of about 300 in the Fine Arts Auditorium would have stayed happily for three more.

The audience was predominantly black, but it wasn't an overwhelming majority, and the white students reacted just as enthusiastically as the black ones.

Gregory kept the crowd laughing for the entire three hours.

Nothing illustrates Gregory's philosophy or humor better than what might be called "Gregory's History of the United States," a parable that puts the government in the role of cowboy in constant search of an Indian to

whip up on. The American red man was chosen as the first Indian, Gregory said, but he soon decided he wouldn't keep the job, so as punishment, he was shoved onto the reservation. Next came the Jews, Gregory said, but they didn't like the job either, so they quit.

"Now the Great White Father," said Gregory, "he told the Jews that they had to do something else if they weren't going to be the Indians, and they said they'd think it over, and he said he'd be keeping his eye on them. You know, they're still thinking it over and he's still keeping his eye on them."

Next came the Irish, he said, and they didn't like the job of Indian so they were made the nation's policemen. Then he Italians, who also quit and were put in charge of organized crime.

"Then one day," he said, "there was a knock at the door of the Great White Father and it was a nigger wanting the job of Indian. When the Great White Father asked him why he wanted to be the Indian, the nigger said, 'We heard they get to carry a gun.'"

So throughout the 1960s, Gregory said, the black people were

the nation's Indians. The only catch was that "they made us keep up our nigger duties, too." In 1969, however, the black people decided they would quit both jobs, and for the first few months of the new decade, "the nation was without either niggers or Indians."

Then came the Kent State killings on May 4, and the young white student became both nigger and Indian to fill the national need, Gregory said.

"Now let an ex-nigger tell you new niggers what to expect," Gregory said. "First thing is that you'll get blamed for everything. If 50 old men flew tonight from Little Rock to Berkeley and planted bombs around town, you know who'd get the blame. Second thing is all niggers look alike. One of those kids shot at Kent State was an ROTC student, and in Santa Barbara, when they set fire to a bank, one of the kids shot by the cops was trying to put out the fire."

He advised all the students to see the movie, "Easy Rider."

"Take the cracker out of that truck and put him on a big John Wayne horse and take those two hippies and put them on skinny little Indian ponies and you've got cowboys and Indians all over

again," he said.

Here are some other Gregory views:

* On the police—"The two most important jobs in this nation are the policemen and firemen and we treat them like pigs. When you treat a man like a pig, sooner or later he's gonna oink * * *. White people should respect the police. If the police in the ghetto acted like the police in the suburbs do, we'd love 'em to death."

* On violence—"When you're dealing with insane people, you don't slip in and blow up the asylum. You can't get enough dynamite to change this country. 'The Man' can match everything you have but your moral force. If the young people had wanted to get the National Guard off the campuses after Kent State, they could have gotten together and said that in protest, no kid in America was going to celebrate Christmas for the next two years and Sears, Roebuck would have got the National Guard off the campuses in a day's time."

When he completed his talk, he raised both his arms, the hand clinched in a fist and the other flashing the peace sign. The audience rose, cheered and returned the salute.

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A smiling Dick Gregory on the UALR campus.

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Gregory Raps Use Of Violence

Black humorist-activist Dick Gregory spoke to a crowd of approximately one thousand in Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on the Middle Tennessee State University campus last night, speaking on the topics "Social problems: Social or Anti-social." Gregory described today's youth as "the most loyal, honest, dedicated and committed generation born in this country until now."

Estimating that he spends 98 percent of his time on college campuses, Gregory began with a humorous routine on current events which led into the more serious portion of his speech. The second lecturer in the university's Ideas and Issues Committee series expressed the hope that today's youth will not have to keep reading right wing

cracker newspapers to find out what they're all about."

He appeared during the observance of Black History Week on the campus.

"The news media tell you that the most violent period in American history is the present," he said, but added that a little research would probably show that this is actually one of the least violent eras in our history.

As examples of violence in America's past, Gregory cited the Haymarket Riots in Chicago during the turbulent days of labor unions' birth. He also singled out the draft protests in New York City in the 1880's where protesters were machine-gunned in the streets. Violence has been bred, he feels, by indoctrination from the older generation — in entertainment which presupposes the necessity of violent action, in history books and myths which glorify past atrocities and turbulent eras, and in having used violence as an answer to their own problems.

"Only a mad man," Gregory stated, "will believe that he can kill for right."

As a call to youth, the black leader voiced the hope that this generation's problems can be solved by honest energetic statesmanship ability and not be

degenerate unethical political maneuvering."

While speaking disparagingly of the Johnson and Kennedy administrations and the trend in black affairs during the sixties to look to Washington for help, Gregory was laudatory of the results realized since Nixon's election, though not by any merit of Nixon.

The switch in emphasis from integration to desegregation and the general attitude of "benign neglect" on the part of the Nixon administration "made blacks mad and got them to do things for themselves." Gregory considers this awakening by blacks to the urgency of acting on their behalf a major step forward which could have astounding results in the coming decade.

"Before Nixon gets through with you in '72, the silent majority is going to be the most vocal group you ever heard," he emphasized.

Gregory used a story about a trip he made to Africa when he discovered that "all his white hangups" that he had grown accustomed to were considered immoral to emphasize the cultural differences between native Africans and American blacks. For this reason, he was strong on encouraging blacks to solve their problems within their

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own native country and not look to foreign models for a heritage which no longer applies to them.

Stokeley Carmichael and Rap Brown made the black American aware of his own individuality and rejuvenated black pride by reawakening his own concepts of beauty and not attempting to model himself after someone else's standards, he continued.

The synopsis speaker discouraged the use of stimulants and depressants of all types, but was critical of the older generation's hypocritical views on marijuana where such numbers of them have made the lives of many miserable by indulging in alcoholism. He encouraged the youthful audience members to educate themselves on drugs and narcotics of all types in preparation for the time when their own children will ask about them.

In a long series of historical anecdotes, Gregory traced the course of establishment domination of minorities from

the first landing to the present day. Describing the early settlers' "discovery of a country which already belonged to someone else," Gregory traced the series from the disenfranchisement and eventual

deprivation of the American Indian through the period of anti-Irish, anti-Jewish, anti-Italian, anti-Oriental, and anti-black campaigns. Now that the last of the racial minorities has achieved at least a semblance of freedom and a unity to combat further oppression, the "in" group has turned its sights on its own youth, he said.

Broadening his interest from civil rights to human rights, Gregory now feels that the brunt of oppressive pressures from government, the older generation, and the conservative majority will be focussed on youth, especially white youths who appear offbeat. He described the Kent State University Massacre on May 4, 1970 as "the birth of the new nigger," when the old guard found itself a new lackey.

The visiting lecturer closed his address by calling on youth to accept the futility of violence. "The man who blows up the insane asylum to get rid of the people inside it are just as sick as the people he destroys," he illustrated. Gregory urged young people to unite and use economic boycotts to strengthen their position.

Making an historical comparison to conclude his remarks, Gregory recalled that in 1770 in Boston there was a group of colonists who felt British troops should not be present and ended up getting four members of their group shot trying to dramatize their point. Last May, the Kent State students, many of whom were not involved, found themselves in a comparable situation and also had four of their number gunned down by the National Guard.

"The Boston Massacre" was known as the shot heard round the world," he stated. "Will the period between 1970 and 1976 see as great a change as that which occurred two hundred years ago?"

Tony Pendergrass



Dick Gregory On Campus

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Racism, Poverty Hit By Comedian Gregory

By Bob Brickhouse

Dick Gregory presented a running monologue for nearly 2½ hours at the University of Richmond last night in which he alternately poked fun and raged at the hypocrisy, racism and violence he saw in white America.

At the end, he told an audience of about 1,000 mostly young persons that, after the Kent State and Jackson State shootings, "Kids are America's new niggers and new Indians."

Despite that, "America is worth saving," he concluded, and he urged the young "to work to make democracy work right."

Gregory, a veteran satirist and political activist who ran for president in Virginia and

other states on the Peace and Freedom party ticket in 1968, showed no signs of tiring through his lengthy act. From the audience response, he would probably have won by acclamation if he had run for president last night.

However, he warned his audience against putting their trust in politicians. "I was glad Nixon won," he said at one point. "I just knew he was going to put a hurtin' on white folks. I ain't never seen white folks in my life crying like they are today."

Nixon is doomed to be a one-term president because, said Gregory, "he's messed up the jolly green Jesus. That's right. It's no secret that the god in

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Comedian Gregory Hits Racism, Poverty

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this country is money . . . Before 1972 I guarantee you one thing, that silent majority is going to be one of the most vocal groups you ever heard . . . Nixon has messed up the country so bad that white kids are running around carrying signs saying 'Get Whitey!'"

The heart of his address — and where he joked the least — was devoted to the life of blacks in the ghetto.

"We'll always be talking law and order in America until we

start talking about bread and butter in America," he said. "One fourth of the American people go to bed hungry every night while many of us stuff ourselves so full we can't sleep at night."

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"There's a big difference in being poor today and in being poor a few years back," he added. "The difference is the television . . . They advertise more food in one commercial than we had in our house in one month."

And if some critics ask why do the poor have television, Gregory responded: "It's because some freak says, 'Any-

body can own it, even you.'"

He also gave his views on the use of white police in black communities. "When I was 5 years old, I knew what a whore looked like, what a pimp looked like, what a bookie looked like, and what a dope pusher looked like. At 5 years old, I can't believe I was that much smarter than the cop."

These criminals "go unmolested," Gregory said, but black activists and leaders are "wiped out one by one."

"Black Panthers scare white folks but don't scare black folks," he observed. "What scares us are those dope pushers and bookies."

Gregory, who said he now spends 98 per cent of his time on speaking tours of college

campuses, appeared at the University of Richmond under the auspices of the Student Union.



Staff Photo by Amir M. Pishdad

Dick Gregory Delivers His Message While Young Audience Listens Intently

He Addressed About 1,000 Persons at the University of Richmond

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Hails Youth, Nonviolence With 'Violent' Rhetoric

By SHERI ATLEE

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — "You've got a big job. We've left you a mess," was the main thread of defense for the American Youth, skillfully woven with satirical comedy and barbed political criticism, by Dick Gregory at the Ohio University Belmont Campus Tuesday.

Prefacing his appeal to the youth to "straighten out a mess we old fools have left," Gregory joked about President Nixon's recent overseas trip and Vice President Spiro Agnew. Gregory said, "Agnew is the type of cat that would make a crank call to the Russians on the hot line."

Affirming his faith in the youth of America, Gregory said that the young people of today are the most ethical and moral group of individuals in the country.

He said that man had created the problems our nation is facing, and as he charged the young people with the responsibility for the solution. He added, "The problems can be solved through ethical means, not through the strong arm of politics."

The civil rights champion called for a re-ordering of priorities as he condemned politicians for campaigning on a law and order issue.

According to Gregory, 44 million people in America go to bed hungry every night while others stuff themselves until

they cannot sleep. "You shouldn't be able to walk down the street safe while people are starving," he demanded.

Striking commercial advertising on television, Gregory questioned, "What effect does this advertisement have on the poor people?" He illustrated his point

commercial propaganda had a direct bearing and was in many instances a cause of crimes including thievery, burglary and purse-snatching.

Bearing down on his attack of the law and order issue, and the related theory of respect for police, Gregory mocked, "I wish I could send you that cop I have down in my black ghetto and see how much respect you have for him."

He reminisced that as a child he had wondered why the "bad freaks" had such a beautiful relationship with the police, and he questioned how the black community could have respect for police when a prostitute could be picked up, "right in front of my kids with a policeman watching."

He accused, "The white racist police structure doesn't kill pimps while they lay in bed, doesn't shoot black dope pushers, doesn't stop prostitution, but it goes in and murders Black Panthers. He added that the streets of the ghettos are patrolled with double-barrel shotguns. "Guns," he said, "that are not allowed in wars because they are too inhumane."

Returning to his crusade for American youth, Gregory said, "We can't blame repression on Nixon. Repression came about when you (youth) took the moral issues into the street." "Morality," he said, "scared the older generation, and repression is a reaction of this fear."

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"Oppression", he said, "is more dangerous to the oppressor than to the oppressed". He cautioned that the voice of young people is a warning to society to stop violating universal laws. And explained that America violates this law by placing property rights ahead of human rights.

Gregory examined the injustices and oppressions of minority groups including the Indians, Jews, Italians, Irish and Negroes, referring to each group as "Injuns" for the "white father." He told of each ethnic group's escape from oppression and the price that they had to pay for this freedom. And he the Negroes escape from the role of "Injun" and the role of "Nigger".

"On May 4 at Kent University," he said, "you white kids became the new Nigger and Indians." He warned that all Niggers and Indians look alike. There are no good ones, or educated ones, or Southern ones, or Northern ones, you are all alike," he said.

He added that this time the "great white father" was actually the father of the "Nigger", and he noted that a father that would shoot his own son needed help.

He compared America to a mother who was sick and the youth to children who saw the disease and wanted to help. He reminded that a sickness was not cured by killing the patient, nor was the answer to a madhouse found in blowing up the madhouse. Using these metaphors, he pleaded for non-violence.

Gregory tied up his message with the thread that occurred repeatedly throughout the evening, "You've got a big job. America is worth saving."

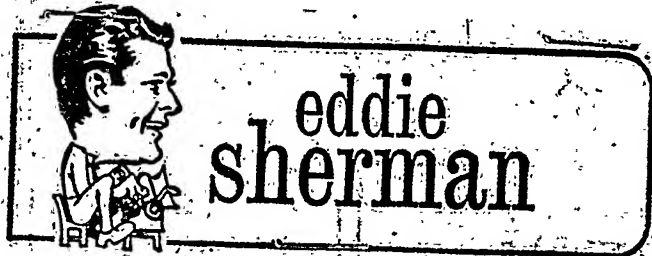
"The answer is not in dynamite and guns," he said. "Your strength is in your great moral force."



MEETING WITH Dick Gregory, Belmont Campus of Ohio University, Tuesday are Barry Hess, student, Jim Hilke, who introduced Gregory.

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It was back in '65 that Jack Cione paid Dick Gregory \$5,000 per week — and he packed 'em in at Forbidden City. At his recent HICer, Gregory drew only a handful of the dwindling faithful. How quickly the public gets disenchanted.

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CIA-Led Revolt Predicted by Serious Dick Gregory

By Ben Wood

Entertainment Editor

Dick Gregory arrived here yesterday and said that he believes the CIA will overthrow the U.S. government.

Gregory is a civil-human rights leader and comic. He produced few laughs at his press conference at the airport yesterday.

He will perform at the Concert Hall at 7 p.m. tomorrow. He said it will be a comedy show.

When questioned about a possible second revolution in the United States, Gregory said:

"I believe the CIA will overthrow the government. Watch this vicious, insane CIA because it doesn't have to answer to anybody.

"I don't believe we will have an election in 1972."

LAST SUNDAY he broke a 71-day fast which dropped his weight from 168 to 109 pounds. He is now up to 113. Despite the fast, he appeared strong. The fast was to dramatize the drug problem in the United States. He said the problem is not the young people who are taking drugs but lies with "the syndicate tramps" who bring the drugs into the country.

"If a 9-year-old kid in New York can find the heroin pushers, I can't believe that the FBI can't find them."

Gregory gave the FBI credit for being strong in at least one regard: that being infiltration.

"The FBI has infiltrated the Communist Party so well



Dick Gregory

they could run Russia better than the Communists," he said.

GREGORY also took a shot at the drug industry for the increased use of barbiturates.

"Barbiturates became a \$2 billion dollar industry overnight. People aren't that sick. Let the government fake over the sale of drugs," he said.

Gregory, 39, announced that he is going on a fruit and nuts diet for three years to dramatize the hunger in the world.

He was critical of the FBI's invasion of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's privacy.

"That (the story) did not hurt him (King). How can you hurt a dead man? The issue is, if we allow wire-tapping, where will it stop? And if they (the FBI) knew when ever he went to bed with a woman, they must have known about the plot to kill him."

WHEN QUESTIONED about the recent violence concerning the Black Panthers, he said there was world-wide sympathy for the Black Panthers because they are oppressed people.

He then said that the Japanese and Chinese represent the Hawaiian people in Congress and the Hawaiians don't like that.

"The Japanese and Chinese would not like it if Hawaiians ran Japan and China."

Gregory said that racist America has always had a "nigger."

"First it was the Irish, then the Catholics, the Jews, then it was us. Then we said we won't be their 'nigger' any more. So they found the white kids at Kent to be the 'nigger' and killed them."

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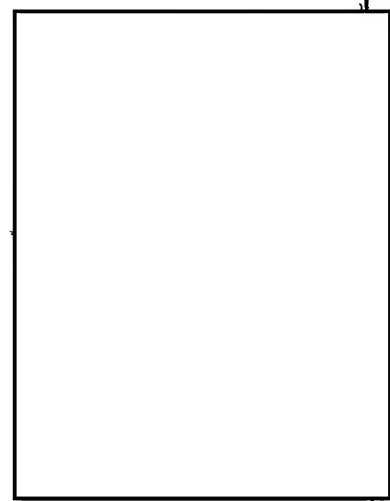
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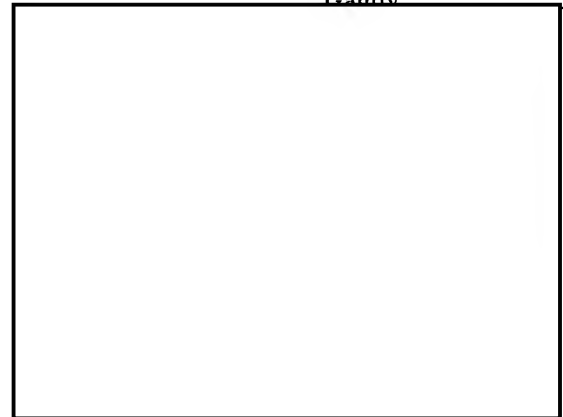
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**Australia Won't Grant
 Visa to Dick Gregory**

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The government has barred black comedian Dick Gregory from coming to Australia to participate in an anti-Vietnam war moratorium in Sydney this month, Immigration Department officials said today.



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Addict Help Sought; Gregory Raps Cops

By JEFFREY ANTEVIL

Washington, Aug. 21 (NEWS Bureau)—Comedian Dick Gregory charged today that the narcotics traffic in the United States "could not survive without the cooperation of the cop and the politician."

Blasting the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local police, Gregory said: "It is inconceivable that a 9-year-old kid can find the dope pusher who will help him send destruction through his veins yet law enforcement officials never seem to be able to find the heroin man."

Gregory appeared at a press conference with Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D-Mich.), who said he will ask Congress to provide \$400 million for grants to local drug rehabilitation centers.

200,000 U.S. Addicts

Conyers said only about 15,000 drug addicts out of an estimated 200,000 in the U.S. are now being treated.

But the Negro congressman said, "Treating drug addicts and not cutting off the supply is like establishing an Alcoholics Anonymous organization in a nightclub."

Conyers charged that although drug use has been a problem in the black community "from time immemorial" it did not begin to receive serious attention from the government until it spread into the white suburbs.

He and Gregory called on law officials to start putting more pressure on drug pushers and smugglers "rather than continually harassing the users."

Gregory, who said he plans to end a 71-day fast to dramatize the drug problem tomorrow, asked: "How can the FBI be so successful in espionage activities and so unsuccessful in keeping narcotics from being smuggled into the country?"

The comedian and civil rights advocate said his weight dropped from 168 to 113 pounds during the fast, which began June 13 in New York. He said he consumed nothing but distilled water during that period.

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Dick Gregory Debut As Local Scholar

Dick Gregory, the comedian-turned-radical, yesterday paid a compliment to San Jose State College with one hand and sort of took it back with the other.

Gregory, this year's scholar in residence at San Jose State, said the campus "is the most progressive I've been on."

But when asked whether if he had to do it all over again — he would attend an all-black college, Gregory said yes.

"I have seven children and I'd like them all to go to black colleges," Gregory said. "Because you don't learn anything in white colleges."

Because white colleges re-

flect the existing system, Gregory asserted, the schools necessarily teach their students to be "fools."

Gregory is being paid \$7500 out of student body funds for four two-day visits to the campus in his capacity as scholar in residence.

He has received an enthusiastic welcome at San Jose State, everywhere being greeted with capacity audiences and loud applause.

Gregory told one group he believes all high school graduates should be entitled to college educations. But he qualified that too.

"I'm talking about learning to live, not about making a living," he said. Gregory's next visit to the campus will be December 10.

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Even though American politics often provide the best comedy around, a man who has run for President, had his legs cracked by Mississippi police, and put together two 40-day fasts for peace is entitled to be called more than a comedian.

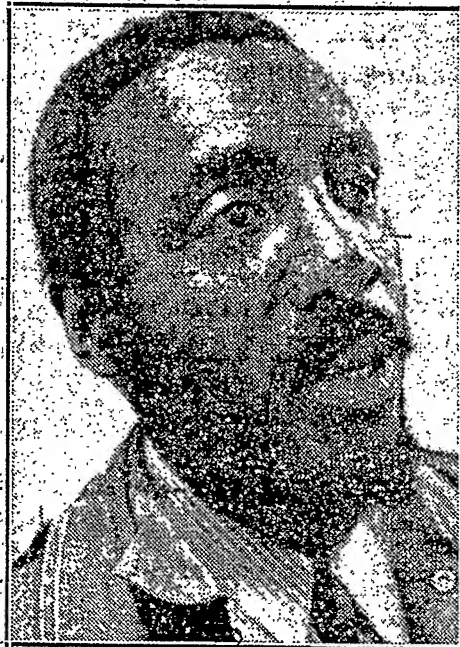
Dick Gregory, the very funny black man who has done all of these things, would prefer to be called a convict.

"I like that word convict because it puts me in some pretty good company," Gregory was saying the other day while in town to promote his concert Wednesday night at Carnegie Hall. "You see I'm a convict; Martin Luther King was a convict and some of those people who ran the American Revolution were convicts. And pretty soon we're gonna have enough convicts around to put the real criminals in jail."

Not too long ago, Gregory, who is also referred to fondly as the President of the United States-in-Exile and the man who lives in the Black House was on a platform in Washington, D.C., looking out onto the hundreds of thousands of those who had come to take part in that urban Woodstock they called the Moratorium March.

The grass was wet, the people sitting on the first few speeches from the platform had been heavy with the reality of Vietnam. What the masses needed at that moment was a dose of Dick Gregory's political comedy. That's what they got.

And what made it so heartwarming was Gregory's subject. The subject was Spiro Agnew, the vice president who is looking at TV more these days but enjoying it less.



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Who's Minding the Hot Line?

"This Spiro Agnew has been makin' a lot of speeches lately," Gregory began. "But I think that man is really puttin' us on. I get scared every time that Nixon is out of the country 'cause you know who's in charge when he's away. I'm afraid because that Agnew is just the kind of guy who would make crank calls to the Russians over the hot line."

Earlier in the day, people were saying that Spiro Agnew was no joke anymore but now, for a few precious minutes, Dick Gregory was turning that all around.

"That Agnew," Gregory went on over the laughter, "is liable to hijack a train and tell the conductor to head for Cuba. If he's not careful, he might even call Nixon a honky over nationwide TV."

Then, before he left them, Gregory had a few things to say to the young people who had come to Washington. Beneath the laughter and jokes, everyone realized the seriousness of it all: to paraphrase Lyndon Johnson, Nixon is the only President we have, Agnew is the only vice president we have.

"Let me say this to you young people," Gregory told the crowd. "If Nixon doesn't believe that you young people are capable of changing things in this country, then I suggest that the President of the United States make a call to that boy down in Texas and ask him what the young people are capable of."

Humor Serious Now

The kids who had worked for Gene McCarthy in the snows of New Hampshire knew exactly what Gregory was talking about and it was the finest tribute to them that afternoon.

Gregory's performance in Washington may well have been a preview of what he is to do in Carnegie Hall Wednesday night.

About three years ago, he gave up lucrative night club appearances to go out on lecture tours which took him to campuses across the country. In the past 10 months, for instance, he delivered 310 lectures.

When you listen to Dick Gregory these days, you realize that he's not kidding about anything, he's dead serious. He uses the humor to sharpen the point, and more times than not, the point becomes all the stronger because of that.

—JACK DEACY

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Dick Gregory Assails U.S. — Gets \$1,250 for College Talk

By LARRY FIELDS
Globe-Democrat
Staff Writer

St. Louis-born Dick Gregory, who apparently has switched from comedy to militancy, returned to town Tuesday to deliver a slashing lecture against practically everything at Forest Park Community College.

More than 1,000 persons, most of them young, crowded the gymnasium to listen to Gregory assail America as a "sick, degenerate country run by a bunch of insane fool maniacs."

Gregory was paid \$1,250 for his talk with funds taken from the Student Activities Fund. He was invited by the college's Cultural Committee.

ALTHOUGH his bitter commentary was peppered with sharp one-line cracks, Gregory's presentation was his usual one—a slashing attack on what he called the "white racist system of the United States."

"Black folk don't hate white folk," he added. "We just hate the white racist system."

"But," he continued, "we're certainly going to hold the honkies (whites) responsible for all that's happened."

Dr. William E. Snead, college president, said the \$1,250 fee did not include any tax monies, but was paid by students into the Student Activities Fund.

"A set amount of the fund is used for student programs such as the Gregory address," he said.

COMMENTING on the program, Snead said it was not "unlike other presentations that



DICK GREGORY

mies plunging bayonets into the stomach of Uncle Sam.

On the front page was a photograph of fugitive Eldridge Cleaver and Kim Il Sung, dictator of North Korea.

The paper that Gregory insisted "tells the truth" also had these words prominently displayed on the front page:

"The American flag and the American eagle are the true symbols of fascism."

I've heard. I don't think (Gregory) is unique in his point of view."

"I think we should learn to listen to various points of view," he said, "and not to turn off any segment of our society because of a point of view that might seem extreme."

Dr. Snead said he heard part of the address, but then was called away to other appointments.

Gregory, who attended Sumner High School here and Southern Illinois University, urged his audience to buy copies of the Black Panther newspaper, which students were selling for 25 cents.

"It's the only paper around that tells the truth," he claimed.

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Gregory Released From Illinois Jail

CHICAGO (AP) — Dick Gregory, night club monologist and civil rights activist, was released from jail today after serving 45 days of a five-month sentence for resisting arrest and battery.

At a hearing last week in Springfield, Gregory was granted clemency by the Illinois Pardon and Parole Board.

Gregory's conviction and jail sentence, plus a \$1,400 fine, grew out of his participation in demonstrations protesting de facto segregation of Chicago public schools and demanding removal of the school superintendent.

The charges were resisting arrest and battery during a street demonstration on June 11, 1965.

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Gregory Yields, Begins Term *A-3*

CHICAGO, April 1 (UPI)—
Civil rights activist Dick
Gregory surrendered to a city
magistrate today to start serv-
ing a five-month prison sen-
tence for battery and resisting
arrest during a civil rights
demonstration in June of 1965.
The sentence was imposed
May 13, 1966, by Magistrate
Maurice Lee, but was ap-
pealed to the U.S. Supreme
Court. The high court recently
refused to review the case.
Gregory had been free on
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GREGORY URGES YOUTH BOYCOTTS

In his first Washington visit since his "inauguration" as president-in-exile here earlier this month, Dick Gregory urged young people to press their demands for social justice not by picketing, but by boycotting.

Speaking to an overflow crowd at Catholic University, Gregory urged the more-than-500 students to "organize to address your grievances to the capitalists."

To reform colleges, he said, boycott meat, don't occupy administration buildings. Conservative cattle barons would then rush to the dean's office to beg for reform, he said.

He praised the students supporting nine persons arrested last Saturday for destroying Dow Chemical Co. records, but said a boycott of all Dow

products would be more productive than picketing.

D.C. AREA DRIVE GETS FORD GRANT

A \$300,000 grant to finance a project to increase tenfold the movement of Negroes to the suburbs, as reported two weeks ago by The Star, will be furnished by the Ford Foundation, it was announced yesterday.

The 30-month project, for which additional funds also are being sought, will be conducted by the Housing Opportunities Council of Metropolitan Washington—formerly the Metropolitan Fair Housing Council—and the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies.

The program will include a promotional campaign to inform city residents of the possible economic advantages of suburban living, working with real estate salesmen and boards to open up the market and a legal service to ensure compliance with housing laws.

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COMEDIAN SPEAKS AT C. U.

'D. C. Nine' Lauded by Gregory

By MARY JO WORTH

Dick Gregory, told a packed audience at Catholic University's Caldwell Hall Auditorium last night that the nine persons who broke into Dow Chemical Company's offices here Saturday and spread blood over records are "beautiful people."

"It's about time the clergy got involved," he said. "I can't tell you how beautiful I think the Catholic Church is."

During his two and a half hour address which was sponsored by the CU's Graduate Student Council, Mr. Gregory urged students to speak out in support of the jailed group.

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"The D.C. Nine" as they are now known, were charged with entering the building illegally and destroying property. They have elected to stay in D.C. jail and are reportedly fasting.

"If you don't like the idea of napalm," Mr. Gregory said, "organize and find out what home products Dow Chemical Company makes. Don't buy them, don't let your friends buy them. Pretty soon they will stop making napalm."

Mr. Gregory, a comedian who turned serious but remains funny, ran for president on a protest ticket last year. He said he now spends 98 per cent of his time on college campuses talking to youth he calls "the most dedicated morally of any group in the United States."

He said the youth of this country wield a tremendous amount of power. "Your roller newspapers never have told you this," he said, "but if it had not been for you, LBJ would still be in the White House. He was the worst tyrant to walk the earth since Caesar, and you ran him all the way back to Texas. Well, if this new cat isn't cool, baby, New York is a lot shorter trip."

POWER

If you kids don't think you have power, Mr. Gregory said, "think about the fact that 15,000 hippies and Yippies came to Chi-

cago to change the system and the whole establishment shook."

"The old fools are scared," he said, "because you're trying to tell them morality comes from within. That's really got them uptight."

Gregory said that campus protests are mostly useless. Don't sit in at administration buildings, he said, organize and address yourselves to the capitalists. Boycott their products, he advised.

"Organize and tell the record companies you aren't buying any records for two years unless

they get some lobbyists going to get you the vote." "And, as long as you've got to go to war and die for your country at 18, you'd better get the vote when you're 17."

Referring to President Nixon's recent statement that student demonstrators should lose any federal aid they are receiving, Mr. Gregory said, "If you're on a scholarship, you can still think the same. You just won't be able to demonstrate. You can still dynamite buildings at midnight and wake up the next and not surprised that it happened."

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Dick Gregory

President-in-Exile

Bold New Politics

By Lonnie Kashif

(Muhammad Speaks Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Dick Gregory, attired in a sparkling blue Nehru suit, and sporting his now familiar beard, lifted his hand and swore "to uphold, preserve and defend the constitution of the United States."

WITH THOSE words, Gregory became the first "President-in-Exile" of the United States.

To many, this was "a mock election," but for this Black president, chief of the "New Party," and his many constituents, this was the real thing.

Gregory, in his traditional satirical humor — reminiscent of his comedian days — declared that his first job would be "to go by the White House and convince that other fellow, that he (Nixon) was not the one."

For certain, Nixon was not the one on this day, March 4, "the date originally set for the inauguration of American presidents." Instead Gregory, at 39, was the one.

The "oath of office" was administered by Attorney Jean Williams of Chicago. Gregory's wife, Lillian, stood smilingly beside him while flash bulbs and camera lights lit up the auditorium of the Morgan Community school, across town from the White House.

For those who felt Gregory's oath of office a bit hypocritical in view of his tirades against "the system," it later became clear that the new Black president's concept of the U.S. constitution was quite different from that of the establishment.

Gregory laid strong emphasis upon that portion of the preamble which urged citizens to "destroy or abolish" the form of government when it no longer meets the needs of the people.

"I am not here to urge you to destroy the capitalistic system. Reform it," he said.

"Reform it, even if you have to destroy it to reform it," he added.

The Morgan school auditorium was packed with children and adults, ranging from kindergarten age, to old men wanting to see the "system" changed.

Gregory vowed to fight against

hunger and poverty. He described "two types of hunger." One of the stomach, and another of the mind, he said.

"HUNGER of the stomach deals with 'smell,'" he said, "while hunger of the mind deals with sound — and all of a sudden America don't sound right to us."

Though humorous, Gregory's inaugural address was replete with valid and sober overtones. He lashed out hard against the hypocrisy of anti-separationists who condone the plight of the Indians who are "locked up on the reservation."

"They are sick, sad, and out of their minds," Gregory contended.

Gregory appealed to the youth

to reject the ways of the "old folks."

"We old folks have put you young people in a position (like) never before in history.

"You come here, having to solve problems you didn't create," he added.

But the young folk, the New Party head said, were in a favorable position, because the old heads, "have used up all the tricks."

AMONG THE TRICKS to which Gregory referred were the enumerable propagandistic techniques.

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Black 'President' Dick Gregory Cites Legal Right to Revolt

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niques employed against the Black people.

Gregory cited the growing press-political conspiracy designed to categorize "all Blacks as born criminals."

He snapped, "One year of stealing by all Black folks couldn't pay one day's 'looting' for the big crime bosses."

"When she (America) breaks up the syndicate," Gregory quipped, "we will quit snatching pocketbooks."

Speaking to Jews, the new Black "president" declared, "the Jews have played tricks on themselves. I say to you (Jews), paint your face as Black as mine and you will see how (the system) deals with you."

Both the Democratic and the Republican parties are "too corrupt and too immoral to deal with the problem," the fiery "chief-of-State" charged.

Gregory went further to indict the entire "racist system."

Paraphrasing the physical "pollution" problem currently in vogue, he classified America as a "morally degenerate, insane nation, bar none."

He told the youth, "do not eulogize America." Eulogies, he said, were for dead things.

"Examine it, find the cancer, and cut it out," he urged.

Turning to the college campus disturbances, Gregory praised the rebelling youth as "dignified" rather than degenerate. He contrasted the old days of "panty raids," which he considered "degenerate," with today's politically serious student demonstrations.

The new party is not "racial" in make-up. The Vice-President, Mark Lane, who was "in New Orleans with Jim Garrison, and unable to attend, is white, as are many of the new party officials."

GREGORY SAID of the Garrison investigation. "I hope he's not upset. He has really hipped the world. No matter how the case came off, the CIA has to think twice before pulling that kind of trick again."

Gregory's main topics were hunger, the Indian plight, and the war in Viet Nam.

At one point he chided Sen. Ted Kennedy for "relating to the system" by seeking to introduce a bill which would grant amnesty for "kids who left the country to escape the draft." This, he saw as pampering white kids, while ignoring "the case of Muhammad Ali, who broke no law, nor did he leave the country."

To whites who are sincere in helping Black people, Gregory said, "You should get in the way and let your dog bite you." His reference here was to a parable in which he described how a friend would protect his friend, with his body if necessary, from his own vicious dog.

In shoring up the hypocrisy of the "system," Gregory declared that each time a Black man goes on the TV program "dating game," they select for him three Black women to choose from. But were he "to go on the show and demand that they have three Black women and no white ones," they would call him "a racist," and bring a white girl into the picture.

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(GREGORY)

WASHINGTON--THE SUPREME COURT TODAY REVERSED ON GROUNDS OF INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE A DISORDERLY CONDUCT CONVICTION OF NEGRO ENTERTAINER DICK GREGORY STEMMING FROM A 1965 MARCH AROUND THE HOME OF CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY.

A BRIEF OPINION DELIVERED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, THE COURT HELD THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THE CONDUCT OF GREGORY AND FOUR OTHERS CONVICTED WITH HIM WAS DISORDERLY AND THEY THEREFORE WERE UNLAWFULLY CONVICTED FOR CONDUCT PROTECTED BY THE CONSTITUTION.

THE GREGORY DEMONSTRATION WAS TO PROTEST DALEY'S RETENTION OF BENJAMIN C. WILLIS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND WILLIS' HANDLING OF SCHOOL DESEGREGATION PROBLEMS. HE HAS SINCE BEEN SUCCEEDED BY JAMES REDMOND.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICES HUGO L. BLACK AND WILLIAM O' DOUGLAS REITERATED IN A CONCURRING OPINION DELIVERED BY BLACK THAT STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND MANNER OF EXPRESSIONS MADE UNDER FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY GUARANTEES.

BUT THEY SAID SUCH STATUTES MUST BE NARROWLY DRAWN AND THE CHICAGO ORDINANCE UNDER WHICH GREGORY WAS CONVICTED WAS SO OVERBOARD AS TO BE A "MEAT AX."

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'PRESIDENT-IN-EXILE' SWORN IN

Gregory Has In-AU-gural Ball After All

By RONALD TAYLOR
and ARTHUR ROTSTEIN

New Presidents celebrate their inaugurations with Inaugural Balls. Last night, it was Dick Gregory's turn.

Mr. Gregory was sworn in as the United States' first "President-in-Exile," a self-proclaimed office, yesterday at the Morgan School, 18th and Chaplain-streets-nw.

The bearded ex-comedian turned civil rights advocate, author and campus speaker, attired in a black bell-bottom, Edwardian suit, white shirt and black tie, made the rounds of his Gala Inaugural at the Hotel-America and American University.

He started out at the hotel, where he was greeted by a large crowd of blacks and whites and danced with his First Lady, Lillian. Then, according to plan, the "presidential" entourage was to wend its way to the American campus, where more than 1,000 supporters, mostly college students, waited for him.

He was late. By an hour and a half.

The party finally arrived, via rented limousine.

Before he could receive a hero's welcome from the enthusiastic but scarcely frenetic admirers who had jammed into the less-than-cavernous Leonard Center, Mr. Gregory had to wait his turn — and let the band and its light show end.

When the entertainment stopped and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, and the rest of the troupe walked up the middle aisle to the stage, the quintet struck up again, with an acid-rock substitute for "Hail to the Chief," amidst a standing ovation.

Mr. Gregory's appearance at American University was an anti-climactic ending to a week of campus furor that started when President George

Williams refused to let him appear on the school grounds.

Student protests, led to dickering between Dr. Williams and a student steering committee headed by Pap Secka, which resulted in a decision to let the gala be held there after all.

Mr. Gregory, introduced by a jubilant Mr. Secka, told the mostly white audience, "I think the most committed force in America is you young folks. I hope you have the courage all your lives that you have here."

He said his "most important job is to convince the other fellow in the White House that he's not the one."

And of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, he said, "I owe my vice president (author Mark Lane) a lot of credit for not falling on his nose," and added, "Agnew couldn't walk down the street and chew gum at the same time."

Earlier in the day, at his swearing-in ceremony, the "chief executive" squeezed thru a cheering crowd and was administered his oath of office by longtime friend and civil-rights attorney Jean Williams.

Mr. Lane, his vice-president-in-exile, who was in New Orleans for the Clay Shaw trial, was sworn in later by long-distance telephone. He wrote "Rush to Judgment," a book critical of the Warren report on the John Kennedy slaying, original inaugural date, March 4, changed by constitutional amendment to Jan. 20.

Mr. Gregory's oath of office differed from that which President Nixon took by addition of two words — "in-exile."

In a brief but spicy inaugural address, he told the mixed audience, "If you whites really freak out on violence, get out on that Indian reservation and cut my Indian brothers loose."

"We've got to reform the capitalistic system."

he told the Negroes in the audience. "If you have to destroy it to reform it, then destroy it. No one in his right mind would be on the side of criminals and law violators, but..." Applause swallowed the rest of the sentence.

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—News Photo by Geoffrey Gilbert

Having a Ball ⁵

"President-in-exile" Dick Gregory and his First Lady, Lillian, attended a Gala Inaugural staged for him last night at the Hotel America and on the campus of American University, after a noon-time swearing-in ceremony at Morgan School. Mr. Gregory, who now spends most of his time writing, speaking at campus lectures and writing as a civil rights crusader, was cheered by black and white audiences last night. He ran as a candidate for the New Party, as well as for the Peace and Freedom Party in the November election. Mr. Gregory and several others spoke here, also yesterday, at a meeting of the New Party.

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Gregory Fulfills Campaign Pledge

'President-in-Exile' Sworn In

By George Davis

Washington Post Staff Writer

A 10-year-old boy in a blue hooded sweat shirt stood on a chair in the front row and waved a blue sign: "Dick Gregory, do your thing."

Shortly after noon, Gregory pushed through the cheering crowd of about 700 packed into the auditorium of the Morgan Community School.

He came out of the crowd, which was about half children of elementary-school age and about two-thirds Negro, into the open space at the front of the room. His hand was raised, fingers forming a V for victory.

He disappeared behind the curtains on stage to wait for the moment to be sworn in as "President-in-Exile."

Gregory campaigned for approximately a year as an independent write-in candidate for the Presidency of the United States. His name appeared on the ballot in several states as candidate of the New Party, and in several as

candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party.

He received no electoral votes, but during the campaign he pledged: "Whatever the outcome of the vote in November . . . I will still be the commander-in-chief of an independent voting army . . . to wage war for justice and dignity among men."

Gregory, a night-club comedian turned civil rights crusader, joked only briefly in his 35-minute acceptance speech yesterday:

"My toughest job will be to go by the White House and convince that other fellow that he's not the one."

His wit still amused. The audience cheered but laughter was short and Gregory did not laugh at all as he talked about the times he has gone to jail, been beaten in Selma, starved himself in jail to protest racism, hunger and the war.

Gregory made no mention yesterday of a proposed "Black House" which was to be the center of his self-styled

government in exile.

He had earlier said of it "Whenever the occupant of the White House fails to respond to the just demands of human need, the independent army will bring their concerns to the Black House to their president-in-exile."

During the address he spoke mainly of a revolution among the black and the young.

"Today in America, black folks have full stomachs but a hungry mind, and a hungry mind will not tolerate the things that an empty stomach did."

To the young he said, "We old fools have not solved the problems but we have used up all the tricks."

Last night about 800 American University students held a dance and concert on campus, where students had protested a week because they wanted to sponsor the entire inaugural gala. Another dance at the Hotel America drew a crowd of about 1000, including Gregory.

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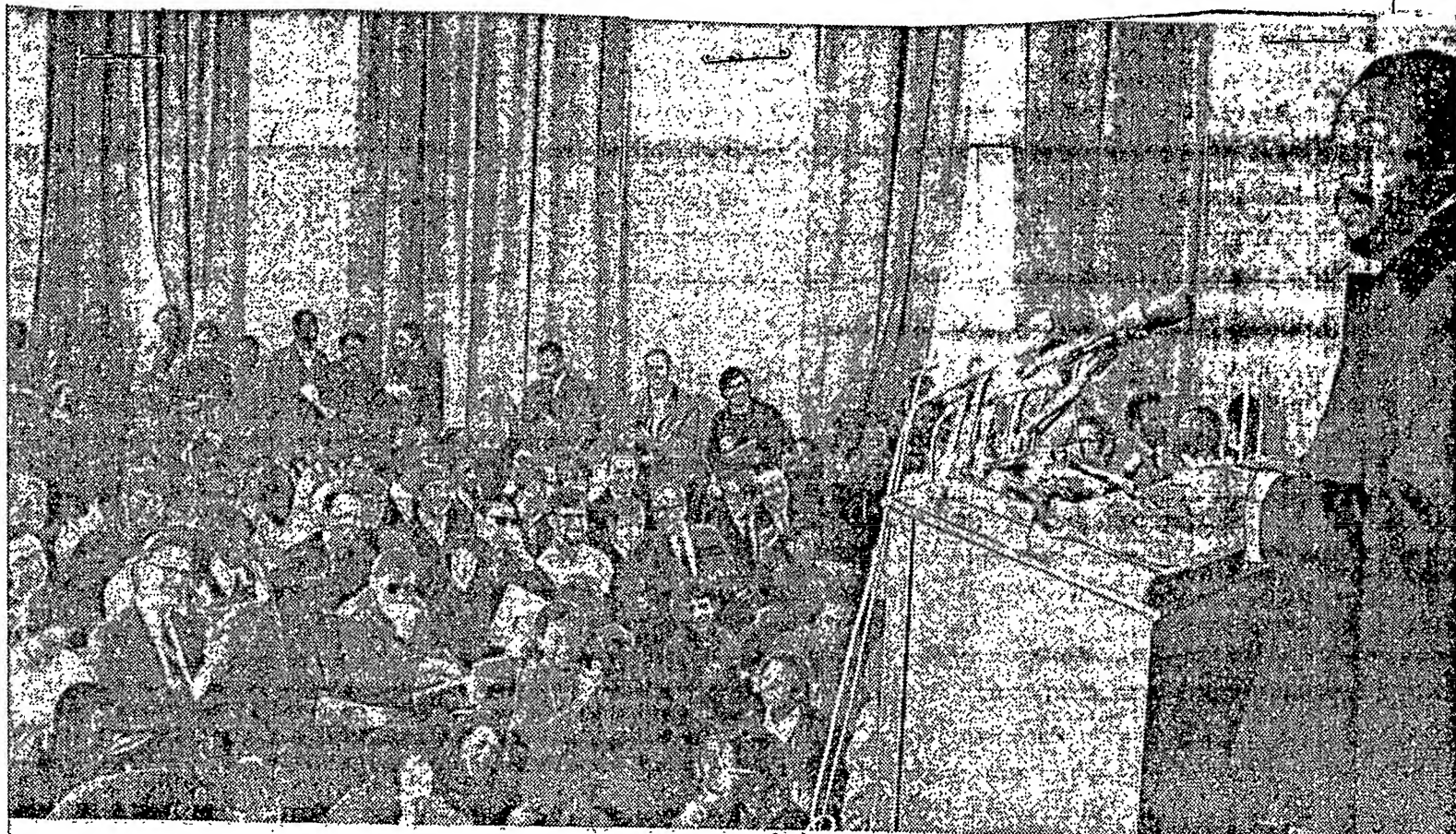
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Audience at Morgan School hears Dick Gregory promise "to wage war for justice and dignity among men."

By Arthur Ellis—The Washington Post

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(DICK GREGORY)

WASHINGTON--TO THE GUFFAWS AND CHEERS OF HIS CONSTITUENTS, NEGRO COMIC DICK GREGORY WAS INAUGURATED AS "PRESIDENT IN EXILE" IN A D.C. SCHOOL HOUSE TODAY.

GREGORY IMMEDIATELY SET AS ONE OF HIS FIRST TASKS LOCATION OF A PRESIDENTIAL "BLACK HOUSE" TO MOVE INTO.

THE NEWLY SWORN-IN "CHIEF EXECUTIVE" SAID, "ONE OF MY HARDEST JOBS WILL BE TO GO BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONVINCE THAT OTHER FELLA THAT HE'S NOT THE ONE."

REFERRING TO OTHER POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES, GREGORY ASKED AN AUDIENCE COMPOSED LARGELY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN "HOW DO YOU PICK UP A WATERMELON, BY ITS EARS?"

GREGORY THEN TURNED GRIMLY SERIOUS FOR THE REST OF HIS "INAUGURAL" SPEECH. HE CITED AS THE NUMBER ONE TARGET OF HIS FOUR-YEAR ADMINISTRATION "THE WHITE RACIST SYSTEM."

GREGORY SAID HE WOULD FIRST ATTACK THE PROBLEM OF FEEDING THE NATION'S HUNGRY. HE THEN LISTED PROBLEMS OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, PUERTO RICANS, MEXICAN-AMERICANS AS REQUIRING HIS ATTENTION.

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DICK GREGORY LOSES APPEAL OVER SIT-IN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, (AP) — Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights leader, lost an appeal to the Supreme Court today challenging his conviction in a Chicago street sit-in demonstration.

Mr. Gregory contended that he had been tried illegally because a juror who had said she did not "believe in demonstrations" and that they "do not have a proper place in our society" had been allowed to participate.

Mr. Gregory was convicted of resisting a peace officer and of other charges in April, 1966, and sentenced to five months in prison and a \$1,400 fine. The sentence was postponed for his appeal.

The high court made no comment in refusing to hear Mr. Gregory's case.

The comedian-writer was one of about 300 people who sat down at the intersection of Balbo and Columbus streets in Chicago on the afternoon of June 11, 1965, stopping traffic.

The Appellate Court of Illinois, ruling against Mr. Gregory last May, said he had kicked and bitten policemen who had told him to get up.

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(GREGORY)

KNOXVILLE, TENN.--THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE ADMINISTRATION
 HAS REFUSED TO PERMIT NEGRO COMEDIAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS WORKER
 DICK GREGORY TO SPEAK ON THE CAMPUS AT THE INVITATION OF A STUDENT
 ORGANIZATION.

SIMONE INNES, STUDENT CO-CHAIRMAN OF "THE MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT"
 PROGRAM, SAID TODAY THAT THE GROUP RECEIVED A LETTER WEDNESDAY
 REAFFIRMING THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON GREGORY, FIRST TAKEN
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Limits of Free Speech Argued in Gregory Case

By Barry Schweld

Associated Press

Their own emotions showing through, Supreme Court justices considered yesterday whether limits have to be put on unpopular demonstrators because they inflame the emotions of slow citizens.

A major free speech question was posed in an appeal by Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and writer, who led 65 to 70 people to the home of Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago in the summer of 1965—seeking the ouster of Benjamin Willis, then Superintendent of Schools.

The march attracted 1200 or so spectators, many of them hostile, and the demonstrators were pelted with rocks and eggs. When Gregory refused to send his followers home, he and 39 others were arrested for disorderly conduct, and Gregory was fined \$400.

Marshall Patner, an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer, tried to convince the court that angry hecklers should not be allowed to veto the constitutional right of demonstrators to take their grievances to the streets.

Indeed, Patner argued, the police have a responsibility of protecting them from physical threats—that the kind of hecklers who on other occasions shouted down Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Sen. Edward

M. Kennedy, D-Mass., and Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman should be subject to arrest.

In contrast, Raymond F. Simon, corporation counsel for the City of Chicago, urged the justices to encourage police to use their judgment to head off "incipient riots."

No freedom is secure in a society torn with disorder, Simon said.

Justice Hugo L. Black—who has challenged the notion that people have an unlimited right to demonstrate by the thousands—jostled with Patner for seven minutes, carrying the lawyer beyond his allotted time.

He wanted to know if Patner was insisting that hundreds of marchers could keep circling the Mayor's home throughout the night, or if demonstrators could stake out the home of a Supreme Court Justice for perpetual vigil.

Black asked rhetorically: "Is the state without power to regulate the use of its streets?"

Justice Thurgood Marshall, on the other hand, hammered at Simon's presentation, asking whether the spectators who threw rocks and eggs and broke through police lines were guilty of disorderly conduct.

"If a group shows up with rocks and eggs, freedom of speech is over," Marshall noted.

Jockeying between the two positions, Justice Abe Fortas peppered both attorneys, suggesting there may be a necessary limit to the constitutionally protected right to demonstrate.

The Supreme Court took the case under study.

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Dr. King Death Blamed on CIA

World War II Nazis are in control of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and they engineered the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Dick Gregory said in Denver Tuesday night.

The murder, he said, is just part of the U.S. Nazi plot to take over the United States.

Gregory, 36, comedian turned politician, was in Denver on his way to speak Tuesday night at an assembly at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Gregory, a candidate for president during the Nov. 5 election, said at a press conference at Stapleton International Airport that the United States "made a deal" with the Nazis near the end of World War II.

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The "deal," he said, was to exempt Nazis in the German intelligence service from prosecution as war criminals in exchange for bringing these Nazis

to the United States to direct U.S. intelligence efforts.

The Nazis, he said, still direct the CIA with the aim of taking over the United States.

One of the things they have done, he said, was to arrange the assassination of Dr. King.

Asked to give the purpose of the assassination, he said it was "to create confusion" among the American people as a preliminary step to a Nazi takeover.

OTHER INFLUENCES

But, he added, the Nazis in the CIA aren't the only disruptive influence at work in the nation.

The country "was headed for trouble" before they exerted an influence, he said.

Gregory predicted that if the United States doesn't solve the racial problem "in the next 18 months, the country will fall."

He explained that he meant that "the country would be in ashes" and that it would amount to "complete destruction from the inside."

Asked if he thought his political activities during this presidential campaign have hampered his career as a comedian, he said, with a smile, that he "still can get \$10,000 a week in a night club any time."

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Dick Gregory 1st to Concede

Dick Gregory claimed the distinction of being the first Presidential candidate to concede today.

In telegrams to Vice President Humphrey and Richard M. Nixon, the Negro entertainer offered his services to the winner in the close race: "in whatever capacity I may be needed for the benefit of my country and my country's duty to the rest of mankind."

"Not since the election of Abraham Lincoln has a President inherited such grave responsibilities in a period of racial crisis," Gregory's telegram said.

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Penna. Peace & Freedom is wracked by dissension

By George Kaplan

PHILADELPHIA — Two recent meetings of the Pennsylvania Peace and Freedom Party reflect the deep splits which have affected PFPs across the country. The Pennsylvania PFP is running Dick Gregory for President and Mark Lane for Vice President. Other PFPs are running Eldridge Cleaver for President, and various people in different states for Vice President.

A statewide conference of the PFP was held in Harrisburg on Sept. 22, purportedly to launch the Gregory campaign. The conference, attended by only 60 people, was unable to agree on a single platform despite efforts by the Communist and Socialist party members present to gain unanimous acceptance for the platform written by Dick Gregory.

Indicating the close attachment the PFP here still has for the Democratic Party, Carl Dahlgren, Philadelphia chairman of PFP, said many PFP groups in the state plan to support incumbent Senator Joseph S. Clark, a prominent Democratic "dove," in his bid for re-election. It was announced that the New Jersey Peace and Freedom Party had nominated David Frost, a reform Democratic politician, for Vice President.

The PFP is also seeking, Dahlgren reported, close ties with the Coalition of Independent and Democratic Voters, which was formed to support liberal Democrats in local campaigns. The Pennsylvania PFP has nominated no candidates for offices other than President and Vice President in order to free its supporters to vote for liberals in the Democratic Party.

Despite the fact that no differences in program were stated at Harrisburg, on Sept. 25 dissidents called a meeting of the Philadelphia PFP to "democratize" its structure and make it a "participatory" organization. Fifty-five people attended. The dissidents appeared to resent the leading role played by the Communist Party in the Pennsylvania PFP. They wanted Pennsylvania PFP to become a permanent body of local PFP committees, each working



Dick Gregory

out its own program and activities. The opinion was frequently expressed that electoral politics is "irrelevant" in 1968 and that PFP should concentrate on "local organizing."

The "democratization" proposal easily carried the meeting, to the displeasure of the Communist Party members. Despite murmurings of discontent with the Gregory campaign, the leader of the dissidents, Ken Moberg, got the meeting to agree that they accepted Gregory's platform; he felt compelled to make this proposal since they had already voted to support Gregory.

The planks of the Gregory platform make it apparent why even the most conservative Peace and Freedom formation in the country had originally balked at adopting it. Gregory's program avoids calling for U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam and recommends giving "tranquilizer guns" to the cops along with their revolvers as a solution to police brutality; police would be advised to use their tranquilizer guns except when absolutely necessary to fire their regular guns!

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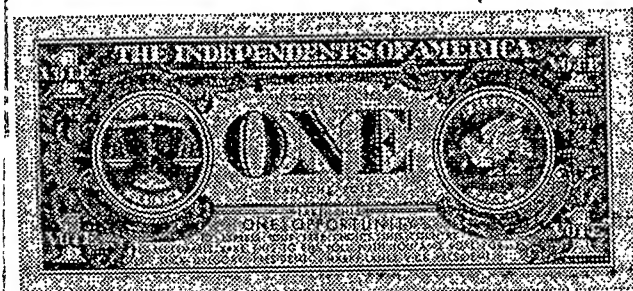
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Gregory's Handbills Confiscated



Obverse and reverse of Dick Gregory's campaign handbill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (UPI)—Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian running for President, ran afoul of the Treasury Department today because his campaign handbills look too much like dollar bills.

Spokesmen for the Secret Service confirmed that quantities of his campaign literature had been confiscated in Nashville, Tenn., and New York City. Complaints had been received that some of the money-sized handbills were showing up in automatic money-changing machines.

"There's no question in my mind that it has been seized

because it is definitely dangerous to the machine," said Mr. Gregory who is running on the ticket of the Peace and Freedom Party. He indicated he was talking about a political machine.

Mr. Gregory said his aides in Nashville would file suit in Federal court to block the election on the ground that his right to distribute campaign literature had been infringed.

The handbills, which are the shape and color of dollar bills, have a peace dove instead of the American eagle, as well as the picture of Mr. Gregory in the place of George Washington.

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WASHINGTON—THE SECRET SERVICE HAS SEIZED DICK GREGORY-FOR-PRESIDENT CAMPAIGN PAMPHLETS ON GROUNDS THEY LOOK TOO MUCH LIKE DOLLAR BILLS. IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY.

A SECRET SERVICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ACTION FOLLOWED COMPLAINTS FROM NASHVILLE, TENN., AND NEW YORK THAT THE DOLLAR-SIZED CAMPAIGN LITERATURE WAS CONFUSING AND HAD SHOWN UP IN MONEY-CHANGING MACHINES.

GREGORY, RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT AS A CANDIDATE OF THE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY, COMMENTED THAT MORE THAN A MILLION OF THE "PAMPHLETS" WERE IN CIRCULATION AND "I EXPECT EACH ONE OF THEM TO BE NEGOTIATED AS A VOTE ON ELECTION DAY."

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED HERE, THE NEGRO COMEDIAN SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN HIS MIND BUT THAT THE LITERATURE "HAS BEEN SEIZED BECAUSE IT IS DEFINITELY DANGEROUS TO THE MAJOR POLITICAL "MACHINES." "IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE ELECTION RETURNS, YOU WILL FIND THAT THE POLITICAL MACHINES PURCHASED VOTES AT APPROXIMATELY ONE DOLLAR A PIECE," HE SAID.

GREGORY SAID HIS CAMPAIGN AIDES WOULD FILE SUIT IN NASHVILLE, TENN., PROTESTING THAT HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE HAS BEEN INFRINGED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SECRET SERVICE SAID A LARGE FOOD CHAIN RECENTLY DISTRIBUTED SOME PRINTED MATTER THAT ALSO TOO CLOSELY RESEMBLED DOLLAR BILLS "AND WE HAD TO CONFISCATE THEM ALL."

THE GREGORY "PAMPHLET" IS THE SHAPE AND COLOR OF A DOLLAR BILL AND HAS GREGORY'S PICTURE IN PLACE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON'S. IT PROCLAIMS TO BE ONE VOTE WHICH CANNOT BE BOUGHT, SOLD OR TRADED, AND ON ONE SIDE ARE THE WORDS: "YOUR VOTE IS LEGAL, SACRED AND PRIVATE."

ON THE REVERSE SIDE IT SAYS: "THE INDEPENDENTS OF AMERICA, IN GOD WE HOPE, ONE MAN, ONE VOTE."

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PITTSBURGH--COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE OF THE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY, SAID YESTERDAY HE WAS HOPEFUL CHANGES IN THE AMERICAN SYSTEM COULD BE MADE NON-VIOLENTLY.

HE SAID "NON-VIOLENCE IS NOT AN OBLIGATION, BUT A FAVOR." IN AN ADDRESS AT THE PITT FIELD HOUSE, GREGORY APPEALED TO ABOUT 5,000 YOUNG PERSONS TO REALIZE THE QUESTION OF RACE WAS NOT ONE OF BLACK AGAINST WHITE BUT OF RIGHT AGAINST WRONG.

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Dick Gregory Campaigns In Newark

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Surrounded by several young "bodyguards" from a black vigilante presidential campaign to the streets of Newark's riot-scarred Central Ward yesterday.

Gregory, who celebrated his 36th birthday yesterday, was accompanied by poet-playwright LeRoi Jones and two Negro candidates for city council during his walking tour.

Although a sound truck preceded the group announcing its arrival, only small knots of the people turned out to greet the Gregory party.

Gregory said he has been receiving "very good receptions" in his travels and that a vote for him was not a protest vote.

Gregory's name is on the ballot in five states; New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Colorado. In New York, Pennsylvania and Colorado, his running mate is Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," a study of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. In Virginia, Gregory's running mate is pediatrician, Dr. Benjamin Spock. In other states, Gregory is a write-in candidate.

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Dick Gregory Wins Bid for Trial by Jury

Dick Gregory, a civil rights activist, has been granted a jury trial on a charge of disorderly conduct growing out of a demonstration during the Democratic national convention.

At the request of his attorney, Mrs. Jean F. Williams, Magistrate Louis J. Giliberto yesterday ordered the case to be heard before Magistrate Maurice Lee in Jury court Jan. 7.

Gregory was arrested along with 22 other persons at 18th street and Michigan avenue on Aug. 28.

He said he still plans to sue the city of Chicago for \$10 million because of his arrest and claims he was only walking to his home at 1451 E. 55th st. when the arrest was made.

Staughton Lynd, the controversial professor whose appointment to the Roosevelt university staff sparked a disturbance at that campus last spring, also was scheduled to appear in court yesterday on charges of trespassing and resisting arrest.

His attorney asked for a continuance until Dec. 16. Lynd is no longer on the Roosevelt faculty.

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Dick Gregory nominated by N.J. Peace and Freedom Party

By SUSAN SCHWARTZ
 NEW BRUSWICK, N.J., Sept.
 19 — The N.J. Peace and
 Freedom Party, meeting in con-
 vention this week, nominated
 Dick Gregory for President.
 Gregory's name will appear on
 the New Jersey ballot under the
 heading, "Peace and Freedom
 Alternative".

Dr. David Frost, a Rutgers
 University Professor and a form-
 er peace candidate for the U.S.
 Senate, was nominated for vice-
 president.

The convention adopted the fol-
 lowing platform;

1) The U.S. must cease its ef-

forts to impose its will on the
 people of South Vietnam and
 withdraw from that country.

2) U.S. must resolve to cease
 relying on force and violence to
 settle domestic and international
 affairs.

3) Foreign aid should be chan-
 neled through the UN and con-
 sist of instruments of progress
 rather than instruments of war.

The New Jersey Peace and
 Freedom Party has chapters in
 Mercer, Middlesex and Camden
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Dick Gregory's platform:

End war, feed the hungry millions

Dick Gregory, peace candidate for President, has issued his platform, the preamble of which declares: "There must be a re-birth of American democracy — for the child of 1776 is dead."

Excerpts follow:

Our leaders cry out for law and order; but limit it to "crime in the streets," which is America's new way of saying "nigger."

While I support measures to be taken by all citizens for an orderly and safe nation, I refuse to concentrate on black crime and ignore white crime. I refuse to accept the premise that the cities must be armed like fortresses against tax-paying, freedom-fighting demonstrators.

Vietnam war

The money which is needed desperately to end pollution of human life is being spent on high explosives, napalm, and military ventures. Instead of being taught to live, our youth are being taught to kill; and rather than earn the respect of all the world, we court the scorn and hatred of the untold millions of the world's less fortunate populations.

I propose the immediate end of U.S. hostilities in Vietnam. The bombing must stop, there

must be recognition of the territorial realities in Vietnam, and the National Liberation Front must be recognized.

Poverty

Raise the living standard of the lowest to a position where it can afford to enter the marketplace.

At least three-fourths of this nation's black population inhabit the major cities. Their rate of unemployment is double that of whites. I propose the creation of jobs by the construction of industrial complexes. These industrial complexes would provide the work market for the unemployed in underdeveloped areas of the nation and the deteriorated urban ghettos.

Ten million Americans are suffering from malnutrition and hunger. There is no reason at all why food cannot be freely and quickly given to the poor to distribute among their hungry numbers during emergencies and/or on a routine schedule.

The present draft age is 18. I propose that if America can decide that you are old enough to die for your country, then you are old enough to vote for your leaders and American domestic

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and foreign policy at 18 years.
Indians

There must be immediate recognition of the Indians granted by the Constitution and laws of this country.

There are desperate needs all over the world. We are capable of sharing our national resources to end hunger, disease, poverty, and ignorance; yet, we must make sure that our help is designed to meet real needs of people in foreign lands rather than impose on them our own military obsession.

Youth

I propose setting up a Youth Commission. America must recognize her youth as a potential force because 56 percent of the population is 26 years old and down; with the percentage increasing yearly to a predicted 80 percent in 10 years.

We must provide pre-school education for the two and three year olds. The high school dropout rate shows that many young people are disgusted with a system of education that cannot be understood in practical terms. Subjects in the high schools must lay the base for higher education and employment. There must be



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subjects on black culture taught to black students to instill black pride and taught to white students to instill white respect for black people.

I propose that any student desiring to go to college will be eligible for a grant or loan for all expenses, repayable by service to the community upon graduation for a three-year period.

Adults, working daily to support families, must not be deprived of the opportunity to upgrade their employment status.

An all-out campaign should be launched to implement the recommendations of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders (the Kerner Report).

Even though I am non-violent, I uphold the essential wisdom of the Constitution; namely, the right of a citizen to protect himself. The spirit of the Constitution guarantees the right of self-defense. And I happen to feel that a man can protect both himself and his family, or property, quite well with a shotgun or a rifle. I would urge gun legislation to interpret constitutional mandate to apply only to shotguns or rifles and to rule out small automatic weapons. The intent of the Constitution is to preserve a safe America.

I would also urge strict registration requirements for those who purchase guns. Firearms were used to commit more than 6,500 murders and 43,500 aggravated assaults in 1966.

The Vietnam war has taken its toll in American lives with 26,634 dead and 166,968 wounded soldiers since the war began. I urge that each family of a soldier killed fighting for his country be made wards of the federal government for life.

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Dick Gregory gets national support for freedom and peace

By CILLA ANDREWS
 NEW YORK, Sept. 16 — The national movement to back Dick Gregory for President is mounting state by state, according to John Gallo, state administrator for the Freedom and Peace Party.

Gregory was chosen as presidential candidate by New Jersey's Peace-Freedom Alliance Party, Saturday, at its convention in New Brunswick. Approximately 120 out of 200 delegates voted for the slate which also named David Frost the vice-presidential candidate. The Alliance will be on the New Jersey ballot.

The New York Freedom and Peace Party introduced Gregory as its presidential candidate at a press conference here Friday.

"Serious candidate"
 "I am running as a serious candidate," Gregory told newsmen.

He said that he had "statesmanship ability" because he is

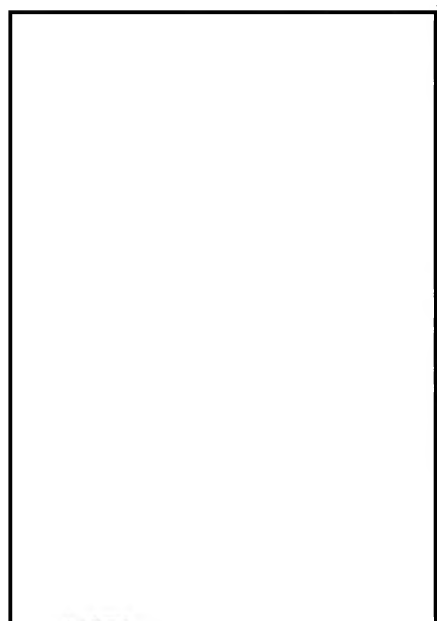
"in tune to the needs of the people."

"My candidacy poses a threat to this corrupt two-party system," Gregory continued. "The people must not only be able to elect; they must also be able to select."

Gregory recently met with the North Vietnamese truce team in Paris.

Other Freedom and Peace candidates at the press conference were Herman B. Ferguson, U.S. Senate; Mrs. Beulah Sanders, 25th Senatorial District; Mrs. Grace Mora Newman, 22nd Congressional District; and Mrs. Carolyn Rivers, 78th Assembly District.

Jose Ristorucci, 61st A. D. was also present. His candidacy, along with three others — Les Campbell, Jim Williams, Jr. and James Tucker — from Bedford-



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Illinois files 30,000 signatures

The Illinois fourth party several weeks ago turned in petitions with about 30,000 signatures. The required amount is 20,000. However, the signatures were not proportioned by county according to the requirements and the petitions were challenged.

Freedom and Peace spokesmen here, after talking with Paul Booth, a leader of the Illinois movement, believed that the party will get on the ballot on "a one-man-one-vote" principle.

Other developments

Gallo said, "We've heard that the independent Colorado party is going Gregory. Also it's possible that these parties in Washington and Indiana will do likewise."

Utah and Indiana independent parties, previously considered possible Gregory supporters, have been ruled off the ballot.

In California, Gregory has qualified for an official write-in vote.

The Peace and Freedom Party of California, whose candidate Eldridge Cleaver has been declared ineligible because he does not meet the age requirement, will be on the ballot as a party.

GREGORY'S N. Y.

TOUR SCHEDULE

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 — Scheduled appearances by Dick Gregory, Freedom and Peace candidate for President, were announced by a party spokesman today. They are as follows:

Sept. 24, Tuesday, Stony Brook College, Long Island, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 13, Sunday, Oneonta Teachers College, Oneonta, N.Y., 3 p.m.

Oct. 26, Major N. Y. City appearance, place and time to be announced.

Oct. 17, Sylvania Community College, South Fallsburg, N. Y., 8 p.m.

Major upstate cities: Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Rochester, Schenectady and Binghamton, noon rallies, Oct. 13, 17 and 26.

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**Dick Gregory Heads
Fourth-Party Ticket**

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 16 (UPI) — Dick Gregory, civil rights advocate, and a writer, Mark Lane, were named presidential and vice-presidential candidates respectively at the Indiana New Politics party's first state convention Saturday.

The two were named as substitutes for Senator Eugene J. McCarthy (Dem.), Minnesota, and New York Mayor John V. Lindsay, who asked that their names be withdrawn.

Gregory was selected on the sixth ballot, when he received one more vote than Donald Moynihan, an urban affairs expert. Gregory and Lane accepted the nominations and promised to campaign actively in Indiana as well as 17 other states.

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 America will die. It will die in 18 months.

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Upholds Discrimination Against Dick Gregory

WASHINGTON—A U.S. District court here refused to protect the Black man's right to the same treatment as any other Presidential candidate by turning down human rights fighter Dick Gregory's suit charging discrimination by President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

GREGORY'S suit charged, specifically, that Johnson had practiced bigotry against him as a Black man by refusing to brief him on foreign affairs as he did other Presidential candidates including avowed racists George Wallace and barbeque king Lester Maddox.



Gregory

Judge George L. Hart's decision, according to the account he gave in his brief, was based on the doctrine of separation of powers and "the absolute discretion of the President to determine whom he will brief."

Gregory filed suit last May after the White House announced the President would brief six other candidates on foreign policy.

THOSE BRIEFED, besides being all-white, came exclusively from the Democrat and Republican parties with the exception of Wallace who is a Democrat breakaway.

Gregory is the candidate of the

Peace and Freedom Party, a coalition including white liberals, radicals, and militant Blacks.

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State Splinter Party V Dick Gregory If It Gets on Ballot

By STEVEN V. ROBERTS

The Freedom and Peace Party people and others like party announced yesterday that they are not interested in it would run Dick Gregory, the "Clever." The Peace and Freedom party is gathering signatures to put Mr. Cleaver on the ballot in New York State this November. However, Mr. Gallo said, the Peace and Freedom groups in several other states, including Utah, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New York lawyer and critic and Virginia, would probably of the Warren Commission, as run Mr. Gregory. At the party's Vice-Presidential candidate, month Mr. Cleaver defeated party has not yet collected the Mr. Gregory for the nomination, but the vote was not binding on local parties.

The Freedom and Peace party has not yet collected the 12,000 signatures needed to place it on the ballot here. But it hopes to have enough by the deadline next Monday, according to John Gallo, the party's state administrator. Gregory, More Moderate Mr. Gregory, who was arrested in Chicago last week while leading a protest march against the Democratic National Convention there, has been active in numerous radical causes in recent years. But he not support either Vice President Humphrey, Democrat, or moderate than Mr. Cleaver, Richard M. Nixon, Republican, who is minister of information for the Black Panthers, a paramilitary black organization in the San Francisco area.

Mr. Gallo said the party hoped to attract many former backers of Senator Eugene J. McCarthy who felt they could not support either Vice President Humphrey, Democrat, or Richard M. Nixon, Republican, who is minister of information for the Black Panthers, a paramilitary black organization in the San Francisco area. The party had originally nominated Dr. Benjamin Spock for president, but he withdrew his name for "personal reasons," Mr. Gallo said.

Unlike California Party

The Freedom and Peace party is distinct from the Peace and Freedom party, a California-based organization that has recruited Senator McCarthy or nominated Eldridge Cleaver, a figure to run for President, black writer, for President. However, Mr. Gallo held out the possibility of an alliance between the two parties, if groups was that the Peace and the New party did obtain an Freedom party "represents an acceptable candidate. A wing of the New party in New York, called the Coalition for an Independent Candidacy, says it has enough signatures to place a candidate on the ballot. However, it has no candidate now.

"Few people outside of California have heard of Cleaver," Mr. Gallo said, "and only very radical people are interested in his candidacy. All the Mc-

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State Splinter Party Will Run Dick Gregory If It Gets on Ballot

By STEVEN V. ROBERTS

The Freedom and Peace party announced yesterday that it would run Dick Gregory, the black comedian, for president in New York State this November.

The party, a radical group growing out of the antiwar and civil rights movements, said it would also run Mark Lane, the New York lawyer and critic of the Warren Commission, as its Vice-Presidential candidate. The Freedom and Peace party has not yet collected the 12,000 signatures needed to place it on the ballot here. But it hopes to have enough by the deadline next Monday, according to John Gallo, the party's state administrator.

Mr. Gallo said the party hoped to attract many former backers of Senator Eugene J. McCarthy who felt they could not support either Vice President Humphrey, Democrat, or Richard M. Nixon, Republican. The party had originally nominated Dr. Benjamin Spock for president, but he withdrew his name for "personal reasons," Mr. Gallo said.

Unlike California Party

The Freedom and Peace party is distinct from the Peace and Freedom party, a California-based organization that has nominated Eldridge Cleaver, a black writer, for President.

Mr. Gallo said the main differences between the two groups was that the Peace and Freedom party "represents a more narrow approach to politics."

"Few people outside of California have heard of 'Cleaver,'" Mr. Gallo said, "and only very radical people are interested in his candidacy. All the Mc-

Carthy people and others like them are not interested in Cleaver."

The Peace and Freedom party is gathering signatures to put Mr. Cleaver on the ballot in New York.

However, Mr. Gallo said, Peace and Freedom groups in several other states, including Utah, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Virginia, would probably run Mr. Gregory. At the party's national convention last month Mr. Cleaver defeated Mr. Gregory for the nomination, but the vote was not binding on local parties.

Gregory More Moderate

Mr. Gregory, who was arrested in Chicago last week while leading a protest march against the Democratic National Convention there, has been active in numerous radical causes in recent years. But he is considered somewhat more moderate than Mr. Cleaver, who is minister of information for the Black Panthers, a paramilitary black organization in the San Francisco area.

Mr. Gallo was also critical of another insurgent group, the New party, which hopes to run a candidate in 25 states this fall. He said the New party was "unrealistic" in trying to recruit Senator McCarthy or some other prominent political figure to run for President. However, Mr. Gallo held out the possibility of an alliance between the two parties, if the New party did obtain an acceptable candidate.

A wing of the New party in New York, called the Coalition for an Independent Candidacy, says it has enough signatures to place a candidate on the ballot. However, it has no candidate now.

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Gregory Still Held In Chicago Lockup

CHICAGO (AP) — Civil rights activist Dick Gregory apparently is the only person left in jail of the 583 persons arrested in demonstrations last week during the Democratic National Convention, a spokesman for a group called the Chicago Legal Defense Committee says.

Gregory, who submitted voluntarily to arrest Thursday night when he tried to pass through a police blockade at the end of a line of marchers, has refused bail.

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582 out on bail

Only Gregory stays in jail after strife

The Chicago Legal Defense Committee reports all but 1 of 583 persons arrested in disorders here last week have been freed on bond.

The exception is comedian

Dick Gregory, who has refused to post bond.

The committee was set up to assure due process for defendants in the mass arrests during the week of the Democratic National Convention.

The committee said most of those arrested were charged with disorderly conduct and some with resisting arrest. Almost 75 per cent of the bonds were \$25, although some were set at several thousand dollars, the committee said.

OFFICIALS of the American Civil Liberties Union and the committee met Tuesday to coordinate their defense actions.

"We're arranging for the defense of everybody who wants to be defended by either of the two agencies," said Jay

A. Miller, executive director of the ACLU's Illinois division.

He said plans are being made for a broader action, most likely a law suit, "to keep this from happening here again."

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Dick Gregory Still in Jail, 582 Freed

Dick Gregory was still in jail today but 582 other persons arrested in last week's demonstrations are free on bond, the Chicago Legal Defense committee reported.

Most of those arrested were charged with disorderly conduct and some with resisting arrest. Perhaps 75 per cent of the bail bonds set were for \$25, the legal defense committee spokesman said.

However, bonds ranged as high as \$25,000 in a few cases.

The committee was formed of lawyers and law students after an April 27 peace march on the Civic center which resulted in mass arrests and many injuries.

The majority of last week's arrests were made Wednesday and Thursday nights when police clashed with several thousand Yippies and other peace demonstrators who wanted to march to the International Amphitheater, site of the Democratic convention.

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Judge Dismisses Gregory's Suit Against President

A federal judge today dismissed comedian Dick Gregory's complaint that President Johnson's failure to brief him on foreign affairs discriminated against him as an announced presidential candidate.

Judge George L. Hart Jr. of U.S. District Court said the President has "absolute discretion to advise anyone he wishes." He added that if the courts could tell the President whom he should brief "it would be tragic" for the doctrine of separation of powers.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Arnold T. Aikens, in asking for the dismissal, cited the separation-of-powers argument, said the court lacks jurisdiction and added that the action of the executive branch in this matter is discretionary.

Gregory filed his suit last May after learning that the administration had offered to brief six candidates—Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, former Vice President Richard Nixon, Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, former Gov. George Wallace and Harold Stassen.

The Negro comedian, who said he was an announced candidate at the time, wanted the court to forbid the briefing of anyone else as long as he was excluded. He charged discrimination and said he had been placed in an "arbitrary classification."

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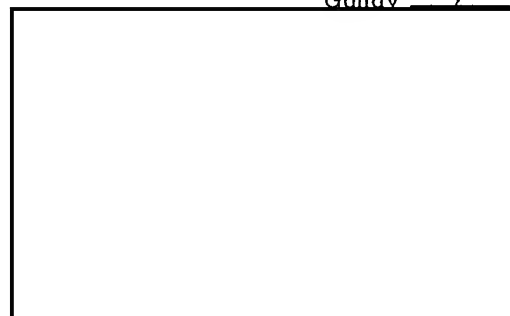
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WASHINGTON -- FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE GEORGE L. HART JR. TODAY DISMISSED A SUIT BY ENTERTAINER RICK GREGORY, A PROCLAIMED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, WHO SOUGHT THE MORE FOREIGN POLICY BRIEFING GIVEN OTHER CANDIDATES BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HART SAID THE FEDERAL COURT LACKS JURISDICTION UNDER THE SEPARATION OF POWERS DOCTRINE.

FOREIGN POLICY IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE PRESIDENT, THE JUDGE HELD.

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FOR MR. TOLSON
WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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Comedian Dick Gregory was fined \$15 and \$5 in court costs in Traffic court yesterday for going thru a stop sign. Three other charges—two for failure to have a driver's license and one for speeding—were dropped. He produced a driver's license in court and the speeding charge was dropped on a technicality.

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HOME AFTER FAST

Gregory Reveals Plans To Travel

Dick Gregory returned to Chicago Wednesday night from Olympia, Wash., where he had fasted during a 45-day jail sentence he received for violation of state game laws.

Gregory, a write-in candidate for President, said he planned to continue his campaign after a short rest.

The fast dropped his weight from 157 to 133 pounds, Gregory said.

He was sentenced June 7 after being found guilty of participating in a "fish in" to dramatize the plight of the Nisqually Indian tribe, who were prohibited from net fishing by game laws.

Distilled Water Only

Gregory was sentenced to 90 days and was released early as a "trustee at large" when it was decided that continuance of his distilled-water-only fast might impair his health.

Gregory said he believed that the jail term helped focus attention on the Indian situation in the state of Washington, "and on the human rights of Americans in general."

"Racism and bigotry is a collective hunger that is continuing to feed on Negroes, Indians, Puerto Ricans and other minority groups in

America," the Negro entertainer said.

"As long as it goes on I will continue to shove justice down America's throat," he said.

Gregory said he planned to visit several foreign countries, including Communist China and Russia, within a few weeks.

Got No Briefing

"I'm making the trip to find out more about the world situation," he said. "The President didn't include me in the briefing given other presidential candidates, so I'm going to take a close up look at things on my own."

He said the trip also would take him to Cuba, North Vietnam, Egypt, Canada, Ireland and 12 African nations.

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Dick Gregory, released from jail as a "trustee at large," as he appeared at O'Hare Airport Wednesday night. (Sun-Times Photo)

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Gregory to Tour World

By MIKE PARKS
Times Staff Reporter

TACOMA — Dick Gregory, Negro comedian who was released from the Thurston County jail yesterday, announced today he will make a world tour as a presidential candidate, visiting 26 countries, including the capitals of North Vietnam, Red China and Russia.

Gregory, speaking at the home of his attorney, Jack Tanner, said that President Johnson has refused to brief him on world affairs, making the trip necessary.

Gregory said it will be about 10 days before he begins eating solid food again. He began a fast June 7, when he was jailed for participating on a fish-in on the Nisqually River last year.

GREGORY said that the cause of the Indian is the No. 1 cause in the country — even ahead of the black man's struggle for freedom and equality.

"I hope that the Indian won't have to get as angry or as militant as the black man did before Americans believe that the Indian has a legitimate problem," Gregory said.

"I hope that the news media won't wait until Indians



DICK GREGORY, left, and
JACK TANNER

are throwing fire bombs before they start reporting the Indian problem.

"I hope the politicians

don't wait for the Indians to start saying, 'Whitey go home,' because when they say that, they mean go all the way home."

Gregory said the America is lucky that it has a chance to solve the Indian problem before Indians decide on hatred and violence.

WASHINGTON, Gregory said, is farther ahead in solving its racial problems than any other state in the Union.

He told newsmen at the press conference they bear a heavy responsibility for dramatizing the plight of both black men and Indians.

America, he said, has been "feeding" on its minorities, but it is "time to change the menu."

Commenting on his 39-day fast, Gregory said a person should not go on a protest fast unless he is willing to face death. He said that a fast affects the mind more than it does the body.

GREGORY said he lost about 20 pounds, bringing his weight to about 130 pounds.

"If more people would go to jail for right, fewer people would have to go to jail for wrong," Gregory said.

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Robert Culp and his wife, France Nuyen, appeared at a press conference yesterday at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on behalf of Dick Gregory, comedian. Gregory has been released from Thurston County Jail on a "trustee at large" basis. Gregory said he would continue his efforts on behalf of justice for Indians.

He predicted that in 15 years, a requisite for political office in this country will be a jail record, or proof of having been a hippie.

Gregory said that in light of his world-wide fact-finding tour as a presidential candidate, he has canceled plans for a demonstration against Gov. Dan Evans at the Republican National Convention in Miami. He said that in return he expects the governor to meet with Indian leaders.

GREGORY was flanked by Janet McCloud, a Tulalip Indian, Elith McCloud, a Walla Walla Umatilla, and Homer Settler, a Yakima Nez Perce.

Mrs. McCloud announced that fish-ins on the Nasqually will begin again August 15, with minorities from all over the United States participating.

"We are just beginning to fight," she said.

She expressed deep gratitude to Gregory.

"He is the first man of any color who has come to this state to help the Indian," she said.

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 TACOMA, WASH. (UPI)--COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY, SO WEAK AND
 DEHYDRATED FROM A 28-DAY FAST HE WAS MOVED FROM HIS JAIL CELL TO A
 HOSPITAL. TODAY REFUSED MEDICATION AND FOOD.

GREGORY WAS HOSPITALIZED AFTER HIS DOCTOR REPORTED HE MIGHT BE
 COMING DOWN WITH PNEUMONIA.

HE HAS REFUSED TO EAT SINCE ENTERING THURSTON COUNTY JAIL AT
 OLYMPIA ON JUNE 7 TO SERVE A 90-DAY SENTENCE FOR ILLEGAL FISHING.
 GREGORY HAS TAKEN ONLY DISTILLED WATER.

HIS ATTORNEY, JACK TANNER, SAID GREGORY ORDERED HIM TO USE
 EVERY LEGAL MEANS TO PREVENT THE HOSPITAL GIVING HIM MEDICATION OR
 FOOD.

"ONLY IF HE IS UNCONSCIOUS WILL NOURISHMENT BE POSSIBLE,"
 SAID TANNER.

GREGORY WAS CONVICTED TWO YEARS AGO OF FISHING ILLEGALLY. HE
 DID IT TO DRAMATIZE ALLEGED WASHINGTON STATE VIOLATION OF INDIAN FISHING
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DR. DANIEL J. THOMAS OF TACOMA SAW GREGORY THURSDAY AFTER
 GUARDS REPORTED HE WAS HAVING HOT AND COLD SPELLS. HE WAS TAKEN TO
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GREGORY WEIGHED 110 TO 115 POUNDS. TANNER SAID HE WEIGHED 160
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HIGH COURT TO WEIGH APPEAL BY GREGORY

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The Supreme Court agreed today to consider a contention of Dick Gregory, the Negro entertainer, that the police cannot constitutionally suppress a peaceful demonstration because hecklers threaten to start a riot.

In a brief order, the Court granted the petition for review of Mr. Gregory and 39 other civil rights activists. They were arrested on Aug. 2, 1965, after they had refused to stop picketing outside the home of Mayor Richard J. Daley in Chicago.

They were convicted and given fines ranging up to one of \$200 against Mr. Gregory.

The demonstration began as a march by 65 to 85 persons to protest the retention of Dr. Benjamin C. Willis as superintendent of the Chicago public schools.

After the pickets had marched for some time, about 1,200 hecklers began pelting them with rocks and eggs. Traffic was stopped and repeated threats were made by the hecklers against the demonstrators.

Police officials finally advised Mr. Gregory that a riot might develop unless he agreed to halt the picketing. He refused, and the appellants were arrested for causing a breach of the peace.

In the appeal filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, Mr. Gregory contended that the arrests on the basis of threats of violence by hecklers violated the demonstrators' free speech rights under the Fifth Amendment.

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Gregory to Fast
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CHICAGO, June 2 (AP) — Dick Gregory, night club comedian and civil rights activist, said today he would fast throughout a 90-day sentence he begins serving Friday in Olympia, Wash.

Gregory was convicted Jan. 12, 1967, on three counts of net fishing for steelheads on the Nisqually River near Olympia in March and April 1966. He took part in a fish-in to support Washington Indians in their protest against a state law banning net fishing.

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WASHINGTON--COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY TODAY FILED SUIT IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT HERE SEEKING TO PREVENT PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS FROM BRIEFING SIX PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNLESS THEY AFFORD THE SAME SERVICE TO HIM.

GREGORY, LOOKING SLIM BUT FIT AFTER HAVING LOST MORE THAN 60 POUNDS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, TOOK ON A SERIOUS DEMEANOR IN THE COURTROOM AND KEPT HIS WIT UNDER WRAPS.

HIS SUIT CLAIMS HE IS AN ANNOUNCED PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE FOR THE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY, SHARING THE TICKET WITH DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK, CURRENTLY ON TRIAL IN BOSTON.

THE SUIT SAID GREGORY WILL APPEAR ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IN PENNSYLVANIA AND THAT HE IS SEEKING TO GET ON THE BALLOT IN BOTH NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA.

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Gregory Sues For Briefing As Candidate

By WILLIAM BASHAM
 Star Staff Writer

Comedian Dick Gregory went to U.S. District Court today to ask for an order that would enable him to join other presidential candidates in receiving briefings from the Johnson Administration.

Gregory, an announced presidential candidate, said he sent telegrams on May 17 to President Johnson, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Undersecretary of State Nicholas de B. Katzenbach. The messages said the White House was showing preferential treatment for white candidates and is "discriminatory to me as a black man."

The injunction complaint names the President and the two State Department officials as defendants. Gregory said the candidates selected for briefings are Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Sen. Eugene McCarthy, former Vice President Richard Nixon, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Gov. George Wallace and Harold Stassen.

After receiving no reply to his telegrams, Gregory said, he decided to file the suit. He appeared in court with his wife after visiting Resurrection City this morning.

The comedian said he is on the

ballot in Pennsylvania and hopes to get on the ballot in California as a nominee of the Peace and Freedom party. His vice presidential running mate is Dr. Benjamin Spock, now on trial in Boston for counseling obstruction to the draft laws.

He said his exclusion from briefings, subjects him to "segregation and denial of dignity as a candidate for the presidency."

The suit requests a prompt hearing and asks the court to order the government to offer him information made available to the "preferred six" or rule that no one may have access to such briefings.

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CHICAGO--NEGRO ENTERTAINER DICK GREGORY TODAY THREATENED IN A TELEGRAM TO SEEK AN INJUNCTION AGAINST THE STATE DEPARTMENT CHARGING IT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST HIM AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. GREGORY PROTESTED HIS EXCLUSION FROM BRIEFINGS GIVEN ON FOREIGN POLICY AND DEVELOPMENTS TO SIX OTHER ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES-- ROBERT F. KENNEDY, NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER, HAROLD E. STASSEN, GEORGE C. WALLACE AND TWO UNNAMED CANDIDATES, PRESUMABLY HUBERT H. HUMPHREY AND EUGENE J. MCCARTHY.

GREGORY SAID HE SENT THE TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK AND UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE NICHOLAS KATZENBACH.

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THE TELEGRAM SAID, "THE SELECTION OF ALL THE SIX CANDIDATES, ALL OF WHOM ARE WHITE, FOR OFFICIAL BRIEFING IS DISCRIMINATORY TO ME AS A BLACK MAN."

"FOR IN NO OTHER WAY CAN I BE LEGALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE RIGHTS AND ADVANTAGES OF THE OTHER CANDIDATES. UNLESS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IS RECTIFIED BY AN IMMEDIATE OFFER OF EQUAL CAMPAIGN STATUS AFFORDED OTHER CANDIDATES, I WILL INITIATE LEGAL ACTION."

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Uphold Gregory's Conviction, Vow Top Court Appeal

The Illinois Appellate Court Monday unanimously upheld the jury conviction of entertainer Dick Gregory for allegedly kicking and biting policemen who arrested him during a 1965 sit-in demonstration.

After the verdict, Gregory's attorney, Jean Williams, vowed to appeal the case "to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary."

The judges rejected several arguments in the appeal for "lack of evidence," including an allegation that Gregory was denied a fair trial because of a "systematic exclusion of Negroes" from the jury.

The judges said the appeal offered no evidence to show the jury was not selected in accordance with Illinois law or U.S. Supreme Court jury procedure.

Gregory was convicted in magistrate court in April, 1966, by a jury of six men and six women on two counts of battery and two resisting arrest. Judge Maurice W. Lee ordered Gregory fined and sentenced him to jail for five months.

The charges stemmed from the arrest of Gregory, along with 220 other persons during a march and sit-in at Grant Park in June, 1965, to present the policies of former school supt. Benjamin C. Willis.

Five policemen testified at the trial that Gregory kicked and bit officers who carried him to a paddywagon. Another policeman testified that Gregory claimed someone had taken \$40 from him, but offered not to press the issue if charges against him were dropped.

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Dick Gregory loses appeal on conviction

The Illinois Appellate Court has upheld a 1966 conviction of comedian Dick Gregory on charges of battery and resisting a police officer during a 1965 civil rights demonstration.

In his appeal, Gregory charged that he was denied a fair trial because of a "systematic exclusion of Negroes from the jury."

Appellate Judge Arthur J. Murphy, in an opinion concurred in by Judge Henry Burman, presiding judge of the appellate court, and Judge Thaddeus V. Adesko, said Gregory failed to prove the charge.

Gregory had been fined \$200 for each of two counts of battery and \$500 on each of two counts of resisting arrest and was ordered to serve five months in the County Jail.

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Gregory Loses Illinois Appeal

CHICAGO, May 13 (AP)—The Illinois Appellate Court today upheld a 1966 conviction of civil rights activist Dick Gregory on two counts of battery and two counts of resisting a police officer during a demonstration.

The four complaints arose from a sit-in demonstration in Chicago on June 11, 1965. Gregory appealed a jury verdict delivered April 22, 1966. He said a "systematic exclusion of Negroes from the jury denied the defendant a fair trial by an impartial jury."

In a unanimous decision a three-judge panel said Gregory failed to prove this charge. The judges said they found no evidence to show that the jury was not selected in accordance with Illinois law.

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A Portrait of Dick Gregory

Comedian Dick Gregory has spent more time in Southern jails, marched in more demonstrations, sought to prevent more racial violence, and worked harder for the rights of the Negro in America than any other entertainer. Author of the best-seller "Nigger," Dick Gregory is a most eloquent spokesman for the Negro in his struggle to attain his full share of the American Dream. An independent candidate for the Presidency, Gregory had planned, until the recent civil disorders in Chicago, to lead a series of demonstrations that were to have paralyzed this year's Democratic National Convention to be held in late August in Chicago.

Gregory has been spending much time in the past months speaking throughout the nation counseling the need for realistic solutions to the problems of race relations in the United States. An advocate of an outspoken and responsible black poli-

tical community, Gregory ran as an independent candidate for mayor of Chicago in last November's mayoralty race.

In past summers, Dick Gregory has constituted himself a one-man riot control squad seeking to avert the needless violence that has ripped the social fabric of our cities asunder. He has called upon all Americans, white and black, to "cool it."

Gregory, who will address the Black Power Conference of the Student Convocations Committee at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7 in the College Gymnasium, is a sensitive man, whose insight into the problems of race relations have provided what is often the only ray of hope in an otherwise dark future.

Dick Gregory is scheduled to take part in an open seminar in the Highlander Room from three to five p.m. in the afternoon before his address in the Gymnasium. He will also participate in a question and answer period following his address.

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Bay Visit**Gregory's Reply
On Shoot-to-Kill**

By George Draper

Negro comedian Dick Gregory said yesterday that Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley would be fairer if he applied his "shoot to kill" theory to gangsters and crooked politicians instead of arsonists.

At an impromptu press conference on the steps of the Alameda county courthouse, the bearded Gregory said he considers Daley's death-for-arsonists edict "very inhumane."

The law of the land, Gregory said, does not prescribe the death penalty for either arson or looting. It was then that he added in the interest of fairness that Daley should apply his shoot-to-kill rule to crooked politicians and gangsters.

"Then we got a pretty clean town," he quipped. Gregory, a write-in candidate for President of the United States, is swinging through California on a speaking tour.

He stopped at the Alameda county courthouse to pay a brief visit to Huey Newton, minister of defense of the Black Panther party awaiting trial on charges of fatally shooting an Oakland policeman.

"Huey seemed about as happy as one can be being confined. I know how it is. I've been confined, myself," said the comedian, who has been jailed numerous times for civil rights activities.

Gregory, wearing light blue coveralls, a light blue jacket and a peace symbol, was asked by a reporter whether he thought Newton could get a fair trial in Alameda county.

"The issue is not a fair trial," he replied. "But it shows progress that you can ask that question. The whole world is beginning to see that this is not a Mississippi or an Alabama problem. It's a national problem — justice for blacks and poor whites."

Gregory spoke last night at Berkeley Community Theater under the sponsorship of the community services office and student body of Laney College, Oakland.

Today, he will attend two rallies — a brunch at New Orleans House in Berkeley at 11:30 a.m. and a picnic at the Padre Picnic Area of Elden Park, 1:30 p.m. Gregory is also scheduled to appear at 8 p.m. at the College of San Mateo gym.

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Dick Gregory Is Not So Funny Now

By ELIOT ASINOF

ELIOT ASINOF is the author of a recent novel, "The Bedfellow."

THE scene is the Massachusetts Institute of Technology—the spacious Kresge Auditorium packed with students waiting for the guest lecturer. He is not a leading world scientist or engineer, nor is his subject matter of any technological concern. He is Dick Gregory, the ubiquitous Negro comedian, author, actor, Presidential candidate (without a party) and crusader for human rights who—to emphasize his commitment—has virtually given up profitable night-club engagements to tour college campuses.

Since Gregory has been tied up in traffic driving down from Portsmouth, N. H., where he lectured earlier in the day, the audience grows good-humoredly restless, tossing paper airplanes with a technical artistry befitting M.I.T. In time, there is a rhythmic clapping and foot stamping in the classic undergraduate appeal for action.

"What brings you here?" I ask a few students seated around me.

"Well, I hear he's very funny," replies a very serious-looking boy with horn-rimmed glasses. There are more young men wearing glasses than not. A small percentage are long-haired, and it is difficult to find one with a necktie and a jacket. It is almost impossible to find a Negro.

"I got interested in Gregory be-

cause of his fast. That's what impressed me," says another.

"I'm just curious to see what he's like, and what he has to say. I mean, you just know he's going to be different."

FINALLY, an hour late, Gregory strides on stage to an extremely warm greeting. He is wearing blue coveralls—with uncut hair and a six-week-old beard—and he is far leaner than I remember him, especially around the face, after his recent 40-day fast. He stands there for a long moment in the anticipatory silence, looking them over. Finally, he walks to the front of the huge stage and takes an even closer look. "Why, you're normal. You're just a bunch of cats like anywhere else. . . . Man, it's M.I.T. and I expected robots!"

They roar with laughter and he is off and running. Like Bob Hope at a Vietnam airbase, he unravels a string of local jokes, taking off on the formidable-looking pipe organ that lines the wall. "Ain't that a computer? One of them mad machines you put the questions in, like: 'Is there a God?' and it goes whirrr and whickitcha-whickitcha [his whole body shakes and he rolls his eyes, miming a computer in action], and finally comes out with a slip of paper with the answer: 'There is now!'"

An old joke, but there is more big laughter.

He barrels into the political world now, a string of *ad hominem* gags aimed at L.B.J. "You know, right this minute, the Prez is telling the

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 Since his M.I.T. appearance, Gregory has begun a new 40-day fast, to coincide with Lent, as a protest against the war in Vietnam.

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nation what the scene is all about. Can't you just see him? I mean, that beautiful face of his, all dripping with barbecue sauce. You look at that man with your Bible turned to the Ten Commandments and you just know he's violated every damn one of them!"

And just to be fair, he takes a few shots at Ronald Reagan. He says, "Reagan is 'nigger' spelled backwards. Imagine, we got a backwards nigger running California."

He jokes about his fast, describing how he weighed 158 at Thanksgiving when he began and dropped to 103 at New Year's. "You should see the mail I got: 'Dear Mr. Gregory. This is to inform you that yesterday I had the following for dinner: [pause for laughter] fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas...' How do you like that? Nigger hate mail!" See? He is fair. He even jokes about his own people.

Then, suddenly, after 45 minutes of this, he stops—to begin his lecture, he tells his listeners. He regards them all again, his entire style changing like an actor playing a whole new role. Even before he says a word, the audience senses the difference. He stands a little taller; frown lines crease his forehead; hands clench the sides of the podium. He leans closer to the mike and he spits out his

opener like venom: "In case you don't know it, America is the No. 1 racist country in the world!"

They take this mouthful and audibly gulp it down, for now he is going to rub their white faces in the muck of American hypocrisy. They visibly brace themselves. That is what many of them have come to hear.

"Brother, I'm gonna tell you straight and true, this nation is insane!" He begins to blast away at them in a totally new tone of voice, generating an emotion light-years away from comedy. "This nation is insane because it has been swallowed up by lies. We have been lied to so often, there are no more lies left. It's not just the white man, it's the black man who is racist too. Hell, he's got to be racist!"

"I don't believe in racism, but I sure do understand it. I'm here to tell you, we're not in a battle between black and white; the real battle is between right and wrong. I want to be your friend, brothers, not your black friend. You dig? But there ain't gonna be any friendships until we clear away the mess."

"Now dig, brothers: White man holds a nice cool glass of water. Black man is dying of thirst, wants to share it. White man says, 'Get your own water.' Black man says, 'How can I? You got the glass.' White man rattles the ice cubes in the black man's face and says, 'Nigger, that's the trouble with you; you ain't got the education to make your own glass.' For hundreds of years, the white man has been doling out water in eyedroppers, but now the black man is fighting for his share of the drink and he's gonna get it or break the damn glass trying!"

The audience applauds for 10 solid seconds. Gregory extends his arm and points his finger at the center of them all. "Now, dig: Negro soldier is ordered to Vietnam to chase the V.C. through the jungle to kill him. Yet it's a damn crime in the U.S.A. for that same Negro to chase a K.K.K. through the swamp when the K.K.K. bombs his home or his church! I say that's insane!"

FOR the next five minutes, he punches away at the structure of race relations, his voice slowly escalating in power as he challenges them. "The white man says the nigger smells. That's like Hitler visiting the concentration camps saying how the Jews smelled. I say, it wasn't the Jews he was smelling; it was Nazism. I say, it's not the greasy, dirty, filthy niggers that's smelling; it's democracy! In Los Angeles, they've got 34 garbage trucks hauling off the garbage, 27 of them in that sweet-smelling Beverly Hills and only seven in all of Watts. No wonder the niggers stink. I say, if you don't share your garbage trucks with us, one day we're gonna share our garbage with you!"

The audience cracks up with laughter. A joke in the midst of his fury! Then, just as suddenly, he blasts them again. "It's not just poverty, brothers, it's insult. If some Nazi killed my daddy in 1943, that same Nazi can come here and live where my daddy never could and I can't now. Insult! You dig? Charles Drew was a Negro you never heard of, but he helped invent blood plasma. Yet Charles Drew died in the waiting room of an Atlanta hospital from lack of blood, just sitting there waiting to be treated. Insult!"

"The system has herded the black man into the ghettos but refuses to take the consequences. It's like a man lying wounded in the street and you tell him to stop bleeding! That man is bleeding for a reason. When a baby cries, it cries for a reason. You can't order a baby to stop crying; you got to change the diaper. That is nature. The ghetto is crying, brother, and that, too, is nature. That was nature working in Watts and Detroit and Newark. And don't tell me those riots didn't accomplish anything. They blew up Chicago a while back because the kids couldn't play with water in the streets. Since that riot, you can't walk in that section without stepping into a swimming pool!"

They laugh, acknowledging the sarcasm while bracing themselves for the next sortie. There is something marvelously subtle about the way he builds up to these little climaxes, altering the very style of his speech and the tone of his voice to suggest the coming of a joke. If he is raging—which he definitely is—it is not without a well-formed plan, enhancing his appeal with these nuances so that he never gets too far away from his comedic image. He is delivering the message, yes, but in a way that makes it memorable.

"I tell you again, this country is insane. If you dump a pile of greasy, oily rags into a hot closet and let them sit, you're gonna get spontaneous combustion and the house will burst into flames. That's nature again. I'll tell you something else: That's Black Power."

A night-club comic turned militant preacher in behalf of civil rights at home and peace in Vietnam is playing the campuses of the country (left, at Bowdoin College) with a new and stark routine: "This nation is insane."

"When we were trying to integrate the schools of Mississippi, we took those cute little 5-year-old kids by the hand and walked them to the clean white schoolhouse, just like the U.S. Supreme Court said we could. And there they were, waiting for us, the sheriff and all them cracker K.K.K.'s and they cut us down with bats and bricks and stomped on us."

I looked up into the barrel of that sheriff's shotgun, and not 10 feet from me I saw the little 5-year-old girl with her head busted open by a brick. Brothers, you ain't never seen nothing in your life until you see a 5-year-old kid get hit by a brick. You think a black man who lives through that is going to stay non-violent?"

He stops, choked by his own emotion. The audience is silent, waiting for the extension of his rage, even hungering for it. Caught up by his delivery, they will willingly share his torment.

"Nonviolence is not an obligation, brothers. It's a favor. The Negro has been getting lynched and beaten and ghettoed and cheated and lied to, and still this country says he should be nonviolent. I'm nonviolent, but I'll be damned if I'll preach it to a man whose 5-year-old kid got her head busted open by a brick! I'd take back that favor. The white man has got to learn that. He'd damn well better learn it, because unless he does, the black man is going to burn him down, house by house, and city by city!"

HE stands there with his bearded face thrust forward, his large eyes bulging out of their sockets and his fists clenched tightly by his sides. Beside me, a girl is containing her need to sob, but tears are racing down her face. The boy with her is literally shaking in his seat. I close my eyes to judge the full extent of the silence, wondering if I can pick up a single sound. There is not a one. A thousand kids in one room and not a murmur, not even a rustle of clothes. Gregory stops to take a drink of water, knowing he has grabbed them all.

He smiles, just enough to tip them off. "You kids . . . you're groovy. You're the new niggers. I was in Colorado, and this cop is pushing around a bunch of demonstrators for

peace, and you know what he said? 'They're acting like niggers so we treat 'em like niggers!'"

They laugh, loving this new identity, enjoying his enjoyment of them. His eyes have lost their anger. He rests his hands on the podium, fingering the note cards he has brought with him, and his voice becomes soft and pleasant, like a friendly professor winding up a lecture. "I don't have any answers. This is an insane country and you kids are going to have a rough time handling it. We're told this is a great democracy, but nobody believes that any more, so America goes around the world trying to ram it down everybody's throat. Well, that's why it's fast. That's why I wear these work clothes and don't shave no more. And I'm not going to, either, not until L.B.J. makes peace."

He says this in very low key, but the message is so clear it rips right through the room. A swelling sound of applause rises from them all, no shouting, just hand-clapping, as though this were a statement of tremendous importance to be treated with maximum dignity.

He smiles, almost paternally now. He lets them know this is to be his conclusion, merely by bringing those note cards together and nodding his head at them. "You kids are the hope of this country. It's all yours. My mammy used to say, 'Learn to live, not just make a living. Otherwise you might die rich without ever having really lived.' You dig? . . . Well, God bless you all."

HE bows humbly and they rise to their feet in a standing ovation, all of them, applauding and cheering, and many of them crying. It's late, closing in on 11 P.M. They have been in this hall for more than three hours, but only a few of them leave. They want to ask questions, to hear more, to laugh and cry with him.

One girl stands up and boldly challenges him: "You say you're nonviolent, Mr. Gregory, but you keep threatening to burn my house down."

"Sure, I'm nonviolent," he replies. "I'd just make sure you weren't home."

Another contentious student tries a different tack: "Mr. Gregory, do you really expect us white people to

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appreciate your problems when you threaten us this way?"

He shrugs. "I don't give the least damn what you appreciate. Do you really believe us black people ought to wait for your appreciation? Brother, I'm telling you what's happening."

"No wonder there's violence against you," the youth adds.

"I know," Gregory smiles. "We niggers are always moaning about that. We say, 'If only Whitey was nonviolent. . . .'"

And so it goes, for another hour, and the last thing he tells them is that they alone have the power to change it all if they want to badly enough. "You kids could work wonders. Ten thousand of you marching together could take over any town in America!"

The audience breaks up finally, and I turn to the group around me for their reactions.

"Oh, he's funny, all right . . . but crazy, too."

"Crazy? How so?" I ask.

"Well, that romantic nonsense about 10,000 of us marching to victory. I think he really means it!"

It was, in effect, the essence of the man, this call to the streets, a people's army against oppression with Gregory himself at the head of it, storming the bastions of privilege with a list of grievances written on the back of an old envelope.

CURIOUSLY, there is nothing in Gregory's background that suggests the wearing of a messianic mantle. He was born in St. Louis, one of six hungry kids, and his father took off when Dick was 5. He grew up on relief, which he found humiliating, and, like many colored children, his

life was dominated by a proud mother who scratched out a living working for white folks. He became an expert at shining shoes, stealing coal from railroad yards and figuring out how to play the game with The Man.

In high school, he made a name for himself as a mile runner on the track team, but the record he set was not official because he had run in an all-Negro track meet. It was his running that led him into his first civil-rights demonstration, when Negro students and parents protested overcrowding in St. Louis schools: "My job was to run up and down the line, keeping order, warning kids not to steal from fruit stands along the way." And because of Gregory, future city track meets were integrated.

He was learning to use his mind and his wit which, combined with an amazing energy, made him formidable. Typically, in his senior year in high school, he decided he wanted to be elected class president. He was laughed at for this, for lined up against him were all the clean middle-class kids, the honor students, the social lions. "So I got my own organization," he recalls, "the so-called hoodlums. All those poor cats who, like me, had been on the outside of everything." And, much to everyone's bewilderment, he won.

He also won a scholarship to Southern Illinois University as a track star, but his joy in running became overshadowed by a growing awareness of what it was to be colored. Once, when a white history professor wrote "negro" on the blackboard, Gregory indignantly left his seat, erased the offending letter and wrote in a capital N. This was his style: the brazen gesture in a reflex reaction to any show of bigotry, but shrewdly, always with humor.

TEN years ago, he was trying to be a funnyman professionally, but nobody had heard of him. Five years later, he was suddenly an extremely successful night-club comic with a twinkling, friendly penchant for irony. He became the first Negro

social satirist to make the big time, a kind of Jackie Robinson of stand-up comics. He is proud to think of himself as the originator of healthy race jokes. "This is the only country in the world where a man can grow up in a filthy ghetto, go to the worst schools, be forced to ride in the back of the bus, then get \$5,000 a week to tell about it," he would say. He became a "millionaire nigger," as they were to call him in Mississippi, and he rode in a Lincoln Continental, ate in the finest restaurants, wore the most expensive clothes.

"Capitalism respects only wealth, not human values," Gregory says. "I was making big money and that made me respectable." There are successful Negroes in all walks of life who find ways of alleviating their consciences without sacrificing their incomes—the Movement is loaded with show people who lend their names and talents on occasion to some well-chosen cause—and Gregory tried to follow suit. It was in November, 1962, that he discovered he could not keep his peace with that kind of compromise.

"It was in Jackson, Miss. I had flown down for the night to speak at a voter registration rally, and I drowsed while they introduced this old Negro who had just gotten out of jail. He had killed a man, they were saying, another Negro who'd been sent by whites to burn his house down because he'd been a leader in the vote drive.

"Then he shuffled out to the microphone, 78 years old, and he said: 'I don't mind going to jail for freedom, no; I wouldn't mind being killed for freedom. But my wife and I was married a long time and, well, I ain't never spent a night away from home. But when they sent me to jail, my wife died.'

"That destroyed me. Here was a little old nigger, the kind of big-lipped, kinky-haired verb-buster everyone looks down on, and this man was fighting the system for me, went to jail for me, lost his wife for me. I was never the same after that."

It possessed him, and he plunged into the battle with both feet. Inspired by his friend the Mississippi

N.A.A.C.P. leader Medgar Evers, who himself was killed by a sniper, Gregory cruised the South in the face of murder threats and jail beatings and lynch crowds, and when he came back home to Chicago, there were people who said he did it all for publicity. Even Negroes. "I could have quit show business and joined the Peace Corps, or gone to Vietnam, and no one, white or black, would have questioned why I did it. But to help Negroes, that's got to be for publicity..."

Once, while he was away in Mississippi, an infant son died, and he rushed back home to grieve with his wife, Lillian; only to be subjected to dozens of hate calls on that very night. Life at the Gregorys' was a constant turmoil of comings and goings, of international phone calls at all hours, and the uncertainties of a repeatedly absent father.

STRANGELY enough, it works out fine," Lillian told me. "We've all become accustomed to it. Since the first day I met him, Dick has been on the go. It's his nature. When he comes home for a spell, we have a little celebration and it's all very joyous. Dick is a good father and we're a very close family. Why, he calls every day, no matter where he is. He knows what it is for a child to be without a father."

His family is, indeed, the core of his life, though he has many friends, black and white, and he relies on their loyalty. There are no high-powered people close to him, just kindred spirits: Bernard Kleinman, his lawyer; Arthur Steuer, a creative adviser; the Rev. James R. McGraw, who edited his recent book, "The Shadow That Scares Me." But he comes and goes alone, a 20th-century man with extraordinary mobility.

While he was performing at San Francisco's hungry i, he commuted daily to a series of Chicago school demonstrations—back and forth, 4,000 miles a day, running up an \$8,000 bill with the airlines. ("They were in the civil-rights movement and they didn't know it," he says.) Since 1962, his

To a leading Negro lawyer,

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manager, Ralph Mann, estimates his involvement in civil rights has cost Gregory more than \$1-million in travel expenses and canceled bookings, not to mention legal fees. His phone bill ran as high as \$3,000 in one month, and when he could not pay up at a prescribed time, his service was cut off. He was even given a five-day eviction notice on his Chicago apartment, wife and six children notwithstanding.

"I was ready to live like a vagabond with them, going from town to town, ending my last connection with the damn capitalist system, and, brother, I'd sure be out there making trouble if I did. It was funny; when it came close, I was so damn mad I almost got to like the idea."

Friends chipped in and saved him from this wolf at the door, but it pin-pointed the whole vast shift in his life — from welfare poverty to wealth and status, then back to the money sweat again. It also pin-pointed his almost complete defiance of financial realities. On the college circuit, which he has been traveling for two years, his fee is as high as \$1,500 a lecture, but he continues to maintain a crusading itinerary that keeps him buried under debts.

THERE is, as he puts it, a "monster" inside him that keeps driving him. He has, for example, organized his own Dick Gregory for President campaign. No real committee, no political party, no fight to get on the ballot, no primary involvements, no slate of delegates to the electoral

College—no funds, even. But also, no joke as far as he is concerned.

He plans a strictly write-in campaign, as when he ran for Mayor of Chicago against Richard J. Daley last year, touring the city's ghettos for only three weeks, yet pulling 22,000 write-in votes, or so it was officially recorded. He claims it was actually three times that many. ("I am the Independent Write-In Mayor of Chicago in Exile," he says.)

I ASKED him why. What could he possibly hope to accomplish? He replied that he is simply unalterably opposed to the two-party system, which he considers to be the political root of all democracy's failures. "We keep voting for the lesser of two

evils, but the evil keeps getting worse and worse. There is nothing more horrible than a liberal government perpetuating a fraud."

He could not have cared less when Ronald Reagan defeated Pat Brown for Governor of California, and he saw no real difference between Lyndon Johnson and Barry Goldwater in 1964, except that Goldwater was an honest campaigner and L.B.J. was a liar. "If I had it to do all over," he said at Yale recently, "I would vote for Goldwater."

He likes to fire out this way, challenging the shibboleths of respectable politics. When accused of making anti-Semitic statements, he replies: "Every hip Jew knows another Jew who doesn't like niggers. So when you find some niggers who don't like Jews, well, that's just even, baby." He is consistently defiant, and when he isn't funny, there are those who are antagonized. "I don't give a damn what you think, I'm not going to lie to you," he says. Not a very politic approach, certainly. His pattern is more to jar and shock than to persuade and inform, and he admits that he offers no solutions.

His platform, such as it is, calls for the end of the war in Vietnam and the eradication of ghetto evils. For the latter, he would assign experts, not politicians, to organize the work: "You wouldn't hire a politician to head the space program; you'd hire a trained scientist." For the most part, the war remains but a briefly mentioned evil that seems outside the pale of his political dialogue.

Like his political opposite, George Wallace of Alabama, Gregory believes in his potential power as a swing man, or "spoiler." "Write me in," he tells his campus audiences—though most of them are not yet old enough to vote.

His candidacy, however, has attracted far more attention than the

national news media have thus far indicated. He visits more cities and towns than any politician, and appears constantly on local radio and TV interviews. There are organized efforts to get his name officially on the ballot in Pennsylvania and California, which he accepts, but does not solicit. He has campaign offices in Washington and Chicago, and there will be others. He has another book being published in June, "Write Me In," a humorous tract designed for vote-getting.

James Farmer, former national director of CORE, for one, endorses Gregory's campaign: "His candidacy is a good thing if for no other reason than that it gives the black man a chance to vote for someone. The fact that he is a performer without political experience should not bother anyone any more than it bothered Senator George Murphy, Governor Reagan, or even Shirley Temple."

Similarly, Dr. Alvin F. Poussaint, a leading Negro psychiatrist, says of Gregory's campaign: "It's a way of interesting black people in politics, especially the Negroes who are most alienated and who might be drawn through him to the political process. This is a good purpose."

And Roy Innis, associate national director of CORE, says: "I'm a pragmatist and I know that Gregory's chance for the Presidency is even less than Eugene McCarthy's—and almost as irrelevant. But I like to have a guy, like Dick on my flanks, doing something different. I appeal to some people; Dick, to others. He's a very brave man and one of the few honest pacifists I know. I myself don't agree with pacifism as a way of life for black people, but I admire his devotion to it. It takes all kinds to make a revolution, and he serves a function."

THAT equivocation of respect and doubt runs through much of the comment of serious-minded Negroes when they are asked about Gregory. Why does he keep staging fasts? "I can't say," replies Innis, "but I'd like to find out. If a man is ready to take that kind of punishment, he's got to have something up his sleeve."

Gregory has organized his own Gregory-for-President campaign: no party, no delegates, no funds—but also no joke

Dr. Poussaint, the psychiatrist, says: "His thinking is in moral terms. He's willing to go to the end—to the ultimate suffering. And he seems to be more and more moving to the position of suffering pain and discomfort for the cause." Gregory—likening himself to Malcolm X, whom he deeply admired—predicts that he will die a violent death.

"I think he's a loner," says Prof. Charles V. Hamilton of Roosevelt University in Chicago and a Black Power Spokesman. "A guy like that is

going to confront the system, and people who are more organization-minded must take account of him.

"He can operate in a way that many of us can't. He can take that extra risk that a loner can. Organizations have to calculate—what their followers would do or say. He can lead the way. He challenged Daley, while an organization would have figured for 10 years before going ahead. And he politicized a large number of Negroes in doing it.

"A lot of people say: 'What a damn fool,' but it gave a lot of people a lift. As for his Presidential campaign, it is symbolic. No one can take a write-in campaign seriously as a matter of swinging votes."

NOT all influential Negroes, even among black militants, are sympathetic. Conrad Lynn, a leading Negro civil-rights lawyer and a founder of the Freedom Now party in 1964, says this: "The big trouble is that whites still have not learned to take the black man seriously—and Gregory's comic image, in spite of all the earnestness and dedication of his efforts, only helps to twist the race crisis into some kind of 'Camp.' I'd prefer to see him lend support to a third-party ticket of Benjamin Spock and Martin Luther King. He doesn't realize that, with a disciplined program, we could go a lot faster and farther. He just takes off on his own."

Moderates, of course, oppose Gregory on more fundamental grounds for they choose to stay within the framework of the two-party system. "When this guy first appeared on the scene, I thought he had a real potential for moving this nation toward maturity," says one Negro edu-

cator. "Now, though, I think he has eroded his effectiveness and dissipated his involvement to the point where it's hard to see what he's contributing to understanding. I certainly respect his concern, but he is just riding off in too many directions.

"When he ran for Mayor of Chicago, not even the Negro people took it seriously. And now, as a candidate for President, I cannot take that seriously. What disturbs me is: I wonder if he does."

Going perhaps a little deeper, Whitney Young of the National Urban League says: "I personally feel that Dick could render a greater service to the civil-rights movement by continuing to reach groups as an entertainer—which none of the civil-rights leaders can. He has a talent in that area. We can find marchers and fasters and people who can run for political office. But we don't have many Dick Gregorys. Think of the thousands of people he could reach

with his humor. He could be devastating." (Gregory rejects the suggestion. "Humor," he says, "can no more find the solution to race problems than it can cure cancer.")

There are other critics, far more strident. Like the policeman outside the auditorium at M.I.T.: "He's funny, all right, but I wouldn't want him running the country. Heck, I wouldn't even want him running a bowling alley."

Said George Wallace: "I don't think he's funny. Not any more."

And Chicago's Mayor Daley: "Dick Gregory? Who is Dick Gregory?"

GREGORIANS laugh at this, suggesting that, if he doesn't already know, the Mayor will surely find out this summer. Chicago is Gregory's bailiwick and, coincidentally, the seat of the coming Democratic party convention. Gregory has delivered an ultimatum to the city fathers, warning that they had better submit to his five-point proposal to alleviate the ghetto suffering or he will disrupt the convention with an organized demonstration that will tie up the entire city. ("Now how would that look on international TV!" he asks.) One of his points is to make the Chicago police the highest-paid force in the nation. ("You've got to figure they ain't gonna knock our heads in.")

He tells all this to the students, inviting them to share in the crusade, offering them a feed from the 3,600 pounds of beans he has bought to cook in huge pots in his office—another romantic version of achieving power in the streets: an army of kids sleeping in parks and living on beans, placard wavers and slogan chanters, reversing the tide of history by their ever-swelling numbers.

"But," I asked him, "what do you think you're really accomplishing? What do you really expect to make of your life?"

"Baby," he answered, "I'm going to change the world."

I don't think he meant individually—but that he aimed to be there to help it change, because it's already falling apart. And I think, too, that he considers this a positive and optimistic point of view—not really apocalyptic at all. ■

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CRUSADER—Gregory virtually quit night clubs two years ago to confine himself to the campus circuit, where he is a crusader first, comedian second. Above, after an appearance at Nassau Community College in Garden City, L. I.



PERFORMER—The "Jackie Robinson of stand-up comics" in 1961, at the start of his career as night-club performer. Some Negroes feel he might have done more good by remaining an entertainer: "How many Dick Gregorys are there?"

**Canceled bookings and travel
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1,500 Hear Gregory at MSU

'Cool Summer' Possible, Says Negro Comedian

By HELEN CLEGG
 State Journal Staff Writer

The recent report of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders "shocked a lot of colored folks because they didn't think white folks were prepared to be that honest," according to Dick Gregory, Negro comedian now stumping the country for civil rights.

Gregory spoke Friday afternoon before about 1,500 students in the auditorium at Michigan State University. His appearance was one of "The Great Issues" series sponsored by the Associated Students of MSU.

He predicted this summer in Detroit could see riots, but said it could be a "cool summer" if people start "working honestly toward solving the problems of the ghetto."

DISTRUSTS POLITICIANS

His wide-ranging, hour-long talk touched on Vietnam, President Johnson ("a criminal"), the Detroit riots and violence in general, Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown ("bitter as Patrick Henry"), and "the stinking white-made system."

Again and again he told of his distrust of politicians.

"Ninety per cent of the problems is the politicians," he said and blamed them for the riots. He called the U.S. "a morally polluted nation."

Gregory declared himself a candidate for President of the United States, but said he would not compete in any primaries.

He said he could stop the Vietnam war because of his personal contacts in North Vietnam.

DISRUPTIVE PLANS

Gregory reaffirmed his plans to disrupt the Democratic national convention in Chicago in August. He said he is helping make plans for demonstrations on a 24 hour basis to "tie up the entire po-



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lice department" and force the army to be brought in.

He has no similar plans re-

garding the Republican convention in Miami, he said, but is picking on Chicago, which is a "gross insult" to the Negro, because it has done nothing to solve its racial problems.

Gregory began his talk showing his skill as a comedian, telling jokes which got a high response from his audience. He frequently used barbed humor to illustrate a point. He now works as a comedian only about every six months at a friend's club in New York, he said.

Wearing a beard and a natty "work jacket," Gregory said he was on his second 40-day fast and did not intend to shave or smoke or wear dress clothes until the war ends in Vietnam.

Several times he told "you young people" they had much to do to correct the errors of his generation.

"You young folks are the most morally committed group that has ever hit this country," he said.

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GREGORY TELLS OF WARNING TO LBJ ON RIGHTS

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, announced yesterday he has sent a letter to President Johnson in which he threatened to disrupt the Democratic convention here next August unless five conditions are met.

The five conditions, disclosed by Gregory during a press conference, are:

1. Enactment of an open-housing bill for Chicago by the Chicago city council and protection to walk in any neighborhood in Chicago "without being jumped."

Hits March Injunction

2. Lifting of the injunction against Dr. Martin Luther King and others on marching demonstrations in the suburbs.

3. Appointment of a Negro to the top echelon of the police department.

4. A guarantee for the health and safety of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, originator of Operation Breadbasket, which Gregory said seeks to enforce fair employment practices in the black ghetto. Gregory said Jackson has received many threats on his life.

5. Highest pay in the nation for Chicago's police and firemen.

Gregory said that if the demands are not met, he will begin leading what he described as nonviolent demonstrations in May and that they will continue thru August.

Daley Is Quizzed

Mayor Daley was asked during a press conference in City hall if he had any plans to meet with Gregory.

"Who is he? I never heard of him," the mayor said.

Later in the day, Gregory appeared at the mayor's office to submit the list of demands and spent one hour in a closed door discussion with Erwin France, a Negro administrative assistant to the mayor. Gregory

emerged from the conference, saying the two had discussed his demands without hostility.

Gregory also said yesterday that he is drinking small amounts of soup after ending a 40-day fast New Year's day in protest against the war in Vietnam.

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CITY BEAT**Gregory Issues
LBJ Ultimatum**

By John Adam Moreau

Comedian Dick Gregory elaborated for President Johnson's benefit Tuesday a New Year's resolution to disrupt the Democratic National Convention here in August. He would disrupt the convention by "round-the-clock demonstrations if certain demands on civil rights issues are not satisfied."

Gregory, who ended a 40-day fast Sunday night, wrote the President a five-point ultimatum declaring that Chicago's record on civil rights "is among the worst in the country." Selection of Chicago, he contended, is "a cruel insult to the millions of deprived citizens, black and white, who have always supported progressive Democratic political platforms which promised federal improvement of unspeakable economic, housing, educational and health conditions."

Gregory's demands were for a "strong fair-housing law enacted by City Council; lifting the injunction which limits civil rights marches; police protection for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of Operation Breadbasket, who Gregory said has been threatened; appointing Negroes to high positions in the fire and police departments and raising pay in those departments."

Gregory's letter, a copy of which went to Mayor Daley, said the selection of Chicago "is as if it were an endorsement for the repressive administration of the local Democratic machine of . . . Daley."

Gregory once picketed the mayor's house and when asked Tuesday about the comedian's letter Daley gave about the same answer as on a dozen or so times before when asked about Gregory: "Who's he? I don't know anything about him."

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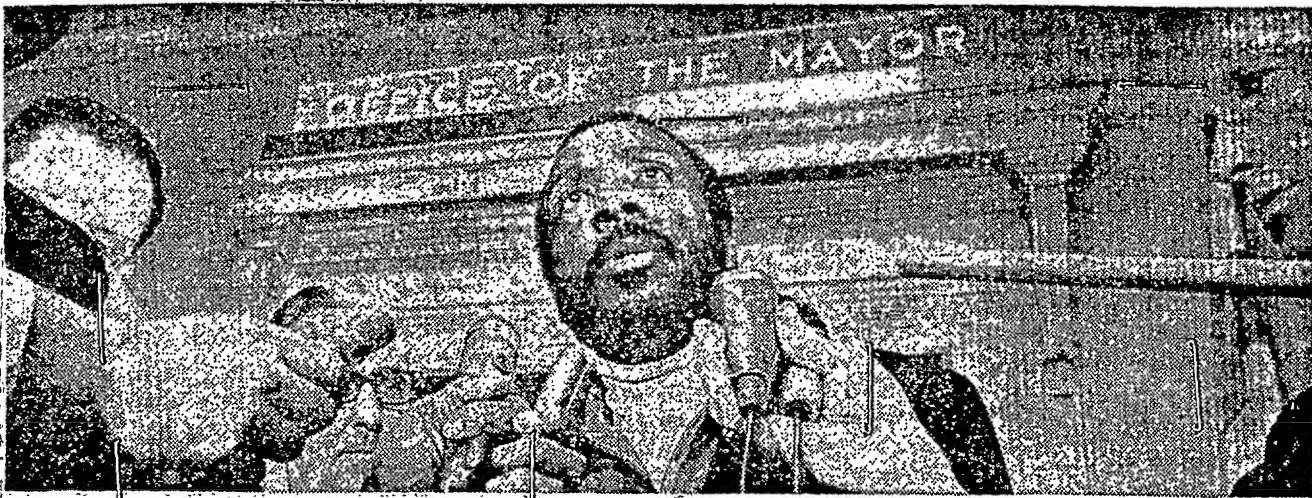
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Dick Gregory talks to reporters outside the mayor's office, about threatened disruption of the Democratic National Convention. (Sun-Times Photo)

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CHICAGO--DICK GREGORY TODAY URGED DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS TO RECONSIDER SELECTION OF CHICAGO AS THE SITE OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION AND AGAIN THREATENED DEMONSTRATIONS TO HALT THE CONVENTION.

IN A LETTER TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, GREGORY SAID CHICAGO'S CIVIL RIGHTS RECORD "IS AMONG THE WORST IN THE COUNTRY."

UNLESS FIVE DEMANDS TO RECTIFY EXISTING CONDITIONS ARE MET BY CONVENTION TIME, HE SAID, "I PERSONALLY WILL TAKE TO THE STREETS TO LEAD NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO ONLY OVER MY DEAD BODY."

GREGORY ESTIMATED HE COULD MOBILIZE A MINIMUM OF 5,000 MARCHERS FOR ROUND-THE-CLOCK DEMONSTRATIONS BEGINNING AS EARLY AS MAY. THE CONVENTION BEGINS AUG. 25.

GREGORY, WHO MONDAY ENDED A 40-DAY FAST PROTESTING THE VIETNAM WAR, SAID HIS CHICAGO DEMANDS INCLUDED A STRONGER FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE; HIGHER PAY FOR POLICE AND FIREMEN; APPOINTMENT OF A NEGRO TO A TOP POLICE POST, AND LIFTING OF A COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST SUBURBAN DEMONSTRATIONS.

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CHICAGO (UPI)--BEARDED NEGRO ENTERTAINER DICK GREGORY TUESDAY THREATENED MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT NEXT SUMMER'S DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION HERE UNLESS CHICAGO ADOPTS A TOUGH OPEN HOUSING LAW.

GREGORY CALLED SELECTION OF CHICAGO'S INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE AS THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION SITE A "SLAP IN THE FACE" TO THE INTEGRATION MOVEMENT.

HE SAID AT A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT UNLESS THE CITY TOUGHENS ITS FAIR HOUSING LAW, THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BEGIN A MONTH BEFORE THE CONVENTION OPENS, AUG. 26.

GREGORY SAID COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA WOULD COME HERE TO TAKE PART IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS.

GREGORY, WHO WAS IN THE 33RD DAY OF A 41-DAY FAST IN PROTEST OF THE VIETNAM WAR, SAID HIS WEIGHT HAS DROPPED FROM 152 POUNDS TO 105 POUNDS. HE HAS VOWED TO GO UNSHAVEN AND UNSHORN UNTIL THE CONFLICT ENDS.

PRESENT WITH GREGORY AT THE NEWS CONFERENCE WERE HIS WIFE, LILLIAN, WHO IS IN HER SECOND WEEK OF ANTI-VIETNAM FASTING.

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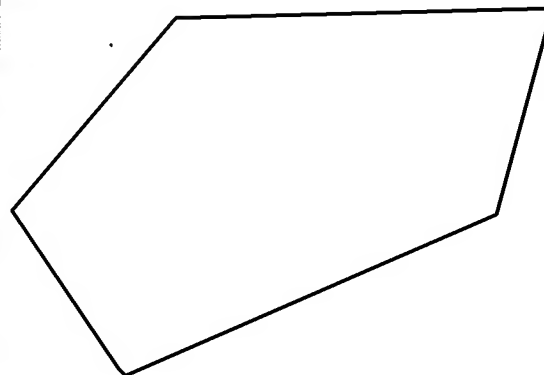
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FAST IS NO JOKE — Comedian Dick Gregory, after 22 days of fasting in protest against the Vietnam war, has lost 40 pounds. He quips that soon he will be as thin as the twig he is holding, but vows he will maintain the fast until Christmas. Beside him is a glass of water which he allows himself. Photo was taken in Chicago. **30**



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Gregory To Urge Boycott of Olympics

Will Confer With Russell

By Dale Kueter
Gazette Staff Writer

Dick Gregory told a Cedar Rapids audience Tuesday night he plans to write every country urging a boycott of the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico as a protest to the Vietnam war.

The controversial comic later told The Gazette he plans to coordinate the boycott action with England's Bertrand Russell, a war critic who is currently conducting mock trials of American leaders.

Gregory said he will first go to the United Nations to urge the boycott, then fly to London to confer with Russell.

Delayed 30 minutes by a late plane and airport news conference, Gregory entertained, shocked, baffled, shamed, amused and warned nearly 600 persons for two hours at Mt. Mercy college. His appearance

was part of the school's lecture series.

Some of the overflow crowd had to watch Gregory via closed-circuit television in two nearby rooms. After a short pause, he fielded questions for another 30 minutes.

Changed Status

Richard Claxton Gregory used to be introduced as Comedian Dick Gregory. He can be fiercely funny, but the comedian shingle came down when he became the comic with a cause. He no longer considers himself a professional entertainer.

The 35-year-old Gregory, father of six, gave up show business and \$5,000 a week to march for the Negro cause. Now he is \$35,000 in debt, but is climbing out of the red with steady \$1,000 appearances on college campuses across the nation.

The Wall Street Journal, in a front page story on Gregory Monday, called him the lone wolf of the civil rights movement. "I can say what I think, don't have to raise any funds for anybody, and just be honest," Gregory was quoted as saying.

Recently, the cause of the Negro has been meshed with a passion for peace in Gregory's talks. He despises a war in which the Negro, he says, is sent to defend someone else's freedom, "while my kids get freedom on the installment plan."

Tough To Follow

To say Dick Gregory doesn't pull any punches is like saying Iowa's football team had a poor season. And most of his punches land on Whitey, and he doesn't care "if you like it or not, baby."

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DISK GREGORY

... the caustic line ...

He's a tough man to follow. Just when you think you've figured Gregory's philosophy, he makes a sharp right turn. He asks no favors and gives none.

Gregory is not a separatist, not an advocate of violence, but neither does he condemn Watts and Detroit. He's an admitted pacifist, but a racist, "and if things don't begin improving fast, we're going to burn this country right to the ground, and you better believe it."

"Improvements?" he laughed in his 15-minute humorous warm-up. "Everybody says the Negro is making progress. Sure we are. Remember Hurricane Beulah? That was the first black hurricane."

Wake Up

But things aren't quite so funny when he says: "America is the No. 1 racist country in the world." He was quick to say that didn't mean just white folks.

"You better wake up on this violence thing," he said. "Non-violence is a favor and you better not aggravate the Negro much longer." Gregory said the white man spills milk and shoots people in the Midwest. "You being white gives you no license on violence."

Gregory said "everyone comes to us" when a Negro throws a brick. "They called Martin Luther King in Nassau when the riots began in Watts. We don't

bother you with questions about white violence.

"Moral pollution is the No. 1 problem in this country. All the tricks are used up. We're never going through the back door again."

"Sure you got a right to call me nigger. You got freedom of speech. But don't spit on me when you call me nigger."

They're Honest

Gregory said he's sick and tired of being asked about Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael. "What's wrong with them? They're honest. You say the name Rap Brown and it scares people to death. You have no idea the conditions Rap Brown lived with."

Then he eases the silence. "I'm getting tired of being asked about Willie Mays. Hell, I don't like baseball." Then back to Rap Brown.

"Rap Brown says get a gun. Paul Revere said get a gun, the

British are coming — and the British were the police.

"Patrick Henry said give me liberty or give me death. That is non-violence?"

"The British were overthrown for taxing tea and you think we won't bring this country down to save our lives? You better read that Declaration of Independence," said Gregory. And he did. "Rap Brown didn't write this."

Declaration

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal... that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it' ..."

"It says," Gregory continued, "that after a long period of abuses, it is the right, the duty, for a people to throw off such a government. And we will."

"If we took over tonight and

made the white man a slave you'd be burning down this country.

"But education is the answer," they tell us. "The man who gave us life-saving blood plasma (a Negro) died after an automobile accident because he couldn't get into an Atlanta hospital. Don't tell us about education.

"Then there's the one that we depreciate property value. You damned right we do. Sure the Negro is dirty and he depreciates property, but you did it. Los Angeles has 7.5 persons per acre, but Watts has 27.9 per acre."

Gregory said Russian exchange students "are brought to MY country and they don't need a special piece of paper (fair housing laws) to live next door to you.

"The German who killed my dad in World war II can live where I cannot."

The comic said he is not angry with white people: "I just hate your system. We're tired of it and we're going to bring it down. We're fed up with lies. This is revolt, not war."

Nobody heckled Dick Gregory, but after the warmup, when the comic turned caustic, there wasn't much applause. He stunned, then used his comedy to unstring.

In addition to fasting (from Thanksgiving to Christmas), starting Tuesday Gregory is wearing only coveralls as another protest to the war. He says he isn't supporting big business while it gets rich on the war.

He's Serious

Gregory is running for President in 1968 as a write-in peace candidate. "Are you serious?" a reporter asked remembering how the comic's candidacy for Chicago mayor died with nary any publicity.

He replied, "yes," and said he is beginning to organize a campaign across the country. As President, he would call all the best brains in the country together to map a solution to the Negro problem, he said.

Gregory doesn't want any special favors for the Negro. "We don't want you to love us, but we want you to respect



—Gazette Photo by John McIvor

Dick Gregory, right, came to Cedar Rapids Tuesday night and left behind a myriad of emotions. He began by saying he was against violence, but he warned violence will be repeated if changes aren't made. "We're putting America on notice. Do something or we will burn you down," he told an audience at Mt. Mercy college. Greeting Gregory after his talk were from left, Sister Mary Barbara, academic dean; the Rev. LeRoy White, 2117 Larry drive NE, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist, and the Rev. Edgar Kurt, chaplain at the school.

us. Let's just enforce the laws we have."

He said he would put a cop on every corner to assure the right of anybody to walk in any neighborhood. "Let's make it safe here before we go running off to Vietnam," he added.

Dick Gregory picked up his thermos of distilled water, which he sipped during his talk, and said thanks to the audience.

Wednesday, Gregory, the thermos and a battered history book that contains the Declaration of Independence were scheduled to go to Graceland college at Lamoni and later to the University of Iowa.

Gregory Asks Yule Boycott

By Ivan Brandon

Washington Post Staff Writer

Dick Gregory, 20 pounds thinner but still determined to complete his Thanksgiving-to-Christmas fast, said yesterday at a press conference here: "All Americans should not participate in Christmas this year. There is no peace on earth and no good will toward men and we should not pretend that there is."

Gregory, whose weight has slipped to 130 pounds, said "the only ill effect he has suffered since starting the fast on Nov 22 is 'once in a while I see a barbecued watermelon'. He is living on distilled water and has posted \$1000 dollars that will be given to anyone who can prove that this is not the only thing that he is eating or drinking. When asked about his expected loss of weight Gregory replied: "I may end up looking like the NAACP's answer to Twiggy, but that's all right."

Gregory is asking that Americans not buy any Christmas gifts, trees, or any new cars until the war in Vietnam is over. "This country is run by capitalists and when they see that we won't buy anything until the war is over they will soon start lobbying to end it."

"I am running as a statesman, not a politician," said Gregory when asked how his campaign for the presidency was going. He said, "I am sure of one vote, that's mine. The rest is up to the people."

He was asked about the Mayor of the District, Walter Washington. He said "there are two kinds of Negroes, those who are controlled by the corrupt white power structure and those who buck the system. Since Washington was appointed by one of the most corrupt men in the U.S., he could only be one thing. But I have to wait and see."



By Frank Hoy—The Washington Post
Comedian Dick Gregory reports here on his fast.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Gregory Begins Fast To Oppose the War

CHICAGO (AP)—Negro comedian Dick Gregory has begun a fast in protest "against the war and the government's position in Vietnam."

Gregory, who has been active in civil rights work and antiwar protests, said the fast would run 32 days, from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

"The reason I decided to fast," he said, "is that I feel it would be very effective in America because this is the only country in the world in which we have more people dying from overeating than undereating."

Gregory said he would drink only distilled water during the fast period and that he would maintain a schedule of appearances which calls for stops in 26 cities before Christmas. He said he has posted a \$1,000 bond for anyone who can prove he has anything in his stomach except distilled water and that he was willing to submit to an examination on the condition that if the challenger found nothing, he would have to donate \$100 to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.



Dick Gregory

Friars Club Ousts 14 in Probe

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif (AP)—Fourteen members of the Friars Club, which numbers many Hollywood celebrities on its roster, have been ousted by the club's ethics committee.

The ousters came following an internal investigation ordered after a federal grand jury began an inquiry into gambling at the 670-member club.

The ousted members weren't identified by Irving Briskin, club president. He said peepholes allegedly used to spy on card players' hands have been closed on order of the FBI.

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Seraphim Fines Gregory, Then Raps Judicial Code

Negro comedian Dick Gregory was fined \$100 Wednesday after being found guilty on a disorderly conduct charge arising from an open housing march Oct. 8.

When his attorney, Lloyd A. Barbee objected to his client receiving the maximum fine on the charge, County Judge Christ T. Seraphim, who assessed the fine, replied: "He can afford it more than the average person."

Gregory was arrested in the 1400 block of N. 12th st., police said, when he and other marchers refused to leave the center of the street for the sidewalk to permit police vehicles to pass.

The arresting officer, Patrolman Thomas Jackelen, 27, testified that he asked the Chicago comedian and other marchers to move but that Gregory said nothing.

Jackelen said he placed his hands on Gregory's chest and pushed him back, repeating the act about three times.

Jackelen said that when he warned Gregory to move the third time, the comedian replied, "Don't talk to me, white boy."

Jackelen testified that Gregory put his hands in his pockets and pushed his weight against the officer. The arrest followed.

Gregory testified under cross examination by Asst. Dist. Atty. John Lauerman: "I remember putting my hands in my pockets and leaned my weight toward where I wanted to go."

Gregory said he realized that he had a previous out of town appointment and was trying to leave the scene when he was arrested.

Seraphim took the occasion of Gregory's trial to score the 16 point judicial code of ethics adopted last week by the state supreme court — particularly the rule banning television and newspaper photographers from taking pictures in courtrooms.

Seraphim permitted picture taking throughout the Gregory trial, but told reporters he would "comply reluctantly" when the new rule took effect Jan. 1.

"I don't think that the code of ethics was necessary," Seraphim said.

Calling it "a victory for the anti-crime forces," Seraphim added, "An iron curtain has now descended between the courts and the people."

Gregory to Fast Until Christmas

Special to The Sentinel

Chicago, Ill. — Dick Gregory, declared write-in independent candidate for president in 1968, said Wednesday he would drink only water to sustain himself from Thanksgiving until Christmas in protest to the war in Vietnam.

"I am determined to set an example as an individual American, lawfully protesting against my government's policy in Vietnam," he said.

"I ask all those who, like myself, are opposed to war to demonstrate their determina-

tion by not buying a turkey for Christmas dinner."

He also suggested a celebration of Christmas in simplicity and sacrifice, and "in sympathy with the suffering on both sides of the war, avoid traditional decorations, Christmas trees, lights, ornaments, toys and the exchange of gifts and presents until peace on earth and good will to men become a reality."

Gregory also said he would maintain his schedule of personal appearances during the 32 days without nourishment, appearing in 26 cities for lectures and concerts.

Gregory's current weight is reported to be 158 pounds.

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Comedian Dick Gregory was released on \$100 bail on a disorderly conduct charge Monday after spending the night in jail.

Police said the Negro comic, who was among 11 persons arrested during a clash between police and open housing demonstrators Sunday night, was kept in jail overnight because he refused to be fingerprinted. He later agreed to fingerprinting, police said.

Gregory appeared before County Judge Christ T. Sera-
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The clash between riot swinging police and civil rights marchers occurred in the 1400 block of N. 12th st., after about 200 protesters refused police orders to leave the middle of the street and walk on sidewalks.

Forty-one persons, including two policemen, were injured in the melee. It marked the 42nd straight day of open housing marches sponsored by the Milwaukee youth council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

One of those arrested was referred to juvenile authorities. The others appeared before Judge Seraphim and also had their cases adjourned to Oct. 31.

The defendants and the charges against them were:

Marion Glass, jr., 20, of 1922 N. 8th st., unlawful assembly and resisting arrest, \$500 bail; Robert Granderson, 24, of 430 W. Vine st., unlawful assembly and resisting arrest, bail \$250; Arthur Wendell Howard, 22, of 3357 N. 3rd. st., unlawful assembly and disorderly conduct, \$250 bail; Andrew Jackson Tyler, 21, of 328 1/2 N. Green Bay av., unlawful assembly, \$100 bail.

Also Gary White, 19, of 2670 N. 2nd st., resisting arrest, bail \$250; Wayne John Wunderlin, 28 1/2 of 611 Maywood av., Wauwatosa, unlawful assembly, \$100 bail; William Harvey Bradford, 19, of 548 N. Hubbard st., unlawful assembly, \$100 bail; Joseph Benjamin Baring, jr., of 2135 N. 6th st., unlawful assembly, \$100 bail, and Clarence E. Smith, 1433 W. Clarke st., unlawful assembly and resisting arrest, released without bail.

After the court session, one of about 125 spectators who crowded into the fourth floor corridors outside Seraphim's courtroom was arrested for allegedly swinging at a police officer.

The youth, Timothy Earl Butler, 18, of 1948 W. Keefe av., was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He appeared before Seraphim and had his case adjourned to Oct. 31 under \$250 bail.



DICK GREGORY

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AFTER DARK



Gregory Stops For a Laugh CM

By JOHN SEGRAVES

The humorous end of show business hasn't been quite as funny the last few years because Dick Gregory relegated it to a supporting role in his life.

For the last five years, and especially in the last couple, Gregory has been almost totally involved in the civil-rights movement. For this he has been shot, sued, arrested and left with a riddled bank account but more dedication and determination than ever to continue.

Those \$5,000-a-week jobs for telling some of the funniest stories anyone's going to tell for a long time have gone ignored as gregarious Richard goes about the country attempting in his own way to bring equality to the Negro.

But, meanwhile, those momentary escapists seeking a few belly laughs in a world

which seems to need them more every day are the losers.

All is not lost, however. Gregory has called a slight halt to his pacifist and civil-rights endeavors to return to the night clubs, sit on a stool twice a night and become the story teller of old. He can be caught through Sunday at Ed Murphy's Supper Club, a pleasant hideaway on Georgia Avenue NW in the shadow of Howard University.

And unless you're the type who can't forget that you might differ with the man ideologically or philosophically and thus would turn him off, you'll probably get your money's worth. In this specific case, it's \$2.50 worth as a cover charge plus whatever you guzzle.

If you've never seen Gregory in person, where he gets in a good shot at most anything he wants, now is the time because such chances are getting less frequent as time passes. His show consists of at least an hour ("lots longer than most places 'cause I like it so here") of well-paced, perfectly timed cracks at LBJ, the National Safety Council, his autobiography, the Vietnam war, to which he is bitterly opposed, and most anything that pops into his agile mind.

He also, at least the night this reviewer saw him, showed he could be funny without being bitter, which includes his great bulk of racial remarks. He also was tasteful for the most part, and proved he could laugh at himself and in turn make us laugh at ourselves.

"We're a dumb bunch, all of us," he'll say. "And we've been dumb a long time; we don't think enough. Just imagine, we



DICK GREGORY
A Slight Halt

used to listen to tap dancers on the radio, for instance."

On his book:
"It's the story of my life. I call it 'Nigger' and because of the title Negroes go into book stores and ask the salesman for Dick Gregory's book called... ah... ah... 'Watchamacallit.'"

On Vietnam:
"We better get outta there before the Red Chinese join in. You know how many people they got, 680 million, which is more people than we got census takers. They got the H-bomb now, too, but Rusk says they don't have any way of gettin' it over here so why worry. With 680 million, they can hand-carry the damn thing over here."

On his early home life:
"I remember on Christmas Eve my father used to have trouble gettin' my sister to go to bed. He'd say, 'Get to bed, Santa'll be here at midnight.' And she'd reply, 'I don't believe in Santa Claus cause you know no white man's gonna come into this neighborhood after midnight, Daddy.'"

On civil rights:
"I'm as non-violent a demonstrator as there is. So when I was out in Watts I ran into this cat and I told him I wouldn't fight him or anyone else with my fists, a club, a gun or anything... I don't believe in that. So the guy just beat the hell outta me."

On schools:
"That's a helluva suit Julius Hobson won here for the Washington schools. It'll cool off the hot summer, but the Supreme Court'll reverse it in the winter."

"Nobody bugs me more than the National Safety Council. Every holiday they announce that 992 will die on the highways and, man, they go to every length to make sure they're right. They even report traffic deaths from New Guinea to reach that number. They should be made to produce those 992 bodies, that's what."
The most liberal and the most conservative should enjoy Dick Gregory this week because he is proving he can be among the funniest of people. Fill the room, then watch him glance around with that dead pan and say: "Man, this place is so packed we got wall to wall us."

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Gregory to Speak On Resisting Draft

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights leader, will speak on methods of resisting the draft at a public anti-Vietnam rally tomorrow at the WUST Music Hall, 9th and V Street NW.

Mrs. Marcia Kallen, assistant director of the Washington Mobilization to End the War in Vietnam, said today that other speakers scheduled to appear at the rally will talk about the rights of GIs to protest the war, once they're drafted.

She said that Lester McKinie, local leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, will talk on segregation and its relation to the war.

The rally, sponsored by the Washington Mobilization group, will begin at 7 p.m.

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Dick Gregory Fined \$100 For Violating Park Curfew

Comedian Dick Gregory was fined a total of \$100 Friday for violating the curfew in Washington Park and using abusive language to a police officer.

Gregory was arrested at 2:30 a.m. June 6 in the park along with Miss Ruby Burrows, 27, who said she was his attorney. Miss Burrows was charged with violating the curfew, but the charge was dismissed by Women's Court Judge John A. Ouska, who said she was in the park acting as his attorney instead of as a private citizen.

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(HOUSING)

LOUISVILLE--COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY SAID TODAY NEGROES WOULD TRY TO INTERFERE WITH RUNNING OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY MAY 6 UNLESS AN OPEN HOUSING ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

GREGORY CAME HERE TO BOLSTER A CAMPAIGN TO GAIN A CITY LAW BANNING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THE SALE OF HOMES AND REAL ESTATE. THE DRIVE HAS BEEN MARKED BY MINOR INCIDENTS WHEN OPEN HOUSING ADVOCATES MARCHED THROUGH WHITE SUBURBS.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WAS TO VOTE ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TONIGHT, AND GREGORY WAS TO ADDRESS A RALLY IN FRONT OF CITY HALL PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS INDICATED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS MAY CONTINUE, EVEN IF THE ORDINANCE IS APPROVED IN ITS PRESENT FORM. THEY CLAIM THE MEASURE NOW BEFORE THE BOARD WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE.

GREGORY TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE AIRPORT THAT HE HOPES THE ORDINANCE WINS PASSAGE.

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THE REV. A. D. WILLIAMS KING, BROTHER OF SCLC PRESIDENT
 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, CAUTIONED THE CROWD TO "BE PEACEFUL
 AND ACT IN A DIGNIFIED MANNER."

LATER, HE ECHOED GREGORY'S THREAT AND SAID:

"WE'LL SEE TO IT THERE IS NOT A BEAUTIFUL DERBY THIS YEAR AS
 IN PAST YEARS."

KING SAID CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS WOULD EMPLOY NON-VIOLENT MEANS
 TO FORESTALL THE DERBY.

GREGORY, USING A BULLHORN, SAID:

"I AIN'T GOING TO LAY DOWN IN FRONT OF A HORSE MYSELF, BUT
 THERE'S A LOT OF CATS THAT WILL. IF IT COMES TO CLOSING IT UP
 (THE DERBY) WE'LL JUST HAVE TO CLOSE IT UP."

THE DRIVE FOR OPEN HOUSING HAS BEEN MARKED BY A NUMBER OF
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 THAT DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD CONTINUE DESPITE THE FATE OF THE ORDINANCE,
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UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT EARLIER TUESDAY, GREGORY
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Right Against Wrong, Gregory Says

U. S. Is the Most Racist of Countries and Should Realize It Is Not Facing the Question Squarely, Negro Comedian Asserts

By James B. Steele
 (A Member of The Star's Staff)

AMERICA is one of the most racist countries in the world, Dick Gregory said here last night. The Negro comedian, speaking to about 900 persons at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, said the thing that frightened him about America's racism was that the white people will not not admit it and the Negroes do not realize it.

Hopes for Awakening

"The white people and the colored people both lie about these problems," he said. "But one day, before it is too late, I hope we wake up."

Gregory said another aspect of the problem that frighten him was that the United States could solve the problem if it existed anywhere else on earth.

"We have the money, the intelligence and the resources," he said. "Anytime one man thinks he is superior to another, it is racism."

"There are still 18 states in America that have laws saying black can't marry white."

Missouri is one of those states. "I'm not asking you to go out and solve the problem," Gregory told the audience, composed largely of students. "It is a problem America has to face. You

inherited it."

A New Hunger

"Twenty, thirty years ago, the Negro had a hungry stomach. Now he's got a hungry mind."

"Why should I fight in Vietnam to give some farmer instant freedom while I have to get mine on the installment plan?"

"This is a hateful country. It won't even give a Negro credit for hating the same way as white folks."

Gregory poked fun at the publicity that has been given the term black power. He said the night Stokely Carmichael, head of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating committee, used the term black power, a newsman telephoned Gregory early that morning to ask his definition.

Gives a Solution

Gregory said he suggested the man go to a dictionary and look up the definition of each word, write the definitions on separate slips of paper, then get drunk and read the two together. But more seriously, Gregory said:

"Anytime you segregate people in groups you create power. The things that sounded good 20 years ago, don't sound so good today. We want a dollars change for a dollar bill."

Gregory said the civil rights movement was dead, killed by northern white liberals.

"This is good," he said. "Now

the Negro leaders can't lie any more."

Warning, Not Threat

Gregory emphasized that he was not threatening, only warning. Negroes who warn of dire consequences are usually labeled as agitators, he said.

"But it's the same thing as me telling you, if you don't eat for two months, you're going to feel bad," he said.

"Be fair with yourselves. Understand what's going on. It's not a problem of black man against white. This is a problem of right against wrong and right has never lost in the history of the world."

On the humorous side, Gregory suggested that the Air Force academy be closed. He asked:

"What kind of kids are dumb enough to cheat on how to fly a jet plane?"

On the Central Intelligence agency, Gregory said the thing that scared him was that "our CIA always gets caught." And after the laughter died down, he added emphatically, "by us."

On Christmas eve, Gregory said his daughter refused to go to bed. He told her Santa Claus would not come. She answered, "There is no Santa Claus." He asked why. Gregory said she replied:

"You know good and well no white man is coming into our neighborhood after midnight."

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Gregory Loses Bid to Bar U.S. Lifting of Passport

A Federal judge here yesterday refused to enjoin the State Department from revoking comedian Dick Gregory's passport if he travels to North Vietnam.

"The power of the Executive (branch of government) to designate certain areas as forbidden to American travelers falls within the power to conduct foreign affairs," U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Holtzoff ruled.

His written ruling came 24 hours after Gregory's lawyers argued that State Department regulations authorizing revocation of passports for visiting "restricted areas" violates the constitutional right of travel.

Gregory plans to go to North Vietnam this spring. The State Department has

warned that his passport may be revoked on his return. North Vietnam and four other Communist-controlled countries are listed as "restricted areas" on American passports.

Justice Department attorneys contended that the courts already have held that the 1926 Passport Act, which empowers the State Department

to grant and issue passports, also "implies" authority to regulate and revoke passports.

In a similar case yesterday, Holtzoff also refused to order the State Department to return a passport taken from New York school teacher Jane Wittman after she returned in 1964 from Cuba, another restricted area.

Attorneys for Gregory said they will appeal.

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Gregory Pecks at The State Dept.

By NICHOLAS HORROCK

Dick Gregory looked down at his brand new galoshes yesterday and allowed as how he had just bought them on Pennsylvania-av., to contend with weather here.

The Negro comedian flew in from snow-smothered Chicago to appear in District court here and somebody said it seemed unusual he would have to buy galoshes.

"When it's 36 inches, galoshes don't do you any good anyway," Mr. Gregory shot back. Everybody laughed because just the way he said it made it funny.

His audience captured, he went on to tell about snow stormed hoarders, wire taps, telephone companies and why he's suing the State Department.

A JOKE

"Hoarders," he said, are "funny people."

"There was this one guy, his arm's loaded with 14 milk cartons standing in the check-out line." Mr. Gregory stretched his arms to show the load.

"He was looking around like he ought to say something, then he turned and says 'I got a one-year-old at home I got to get milk.' You know what he had? . . . diet milk."

Then he went on to recount his relationship with the



DICK GREGORY

Chicago Telephone Company which, he said, turned off his phones because he refused to pay a \$12,000 bill.

"They cut them all off except one . . . the one that's tapped by the CIA," Mr. Gregory said.

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Just about this time, Judge Alexander Holtzoff came into court and Dick Gregory got down to the real purpose of his visit.

He is suing to forbid the State Department from lifting his passport if he goes to North Vietnam. He planned to take the trip before Christmas to

entertain U.S. war prisoners but got hung up on technicalities.

Judge Holtzoff took it under advisement and Mr. Gregory was back out in the hall.

He told reporters the trip to entertain war prisoners was the original reason, but when the State Department got belligerent, it aroused his sense of principle.

"I just feel our liberty goes out the window if any citizen is told where to travel."

LAUGHTER

"It would make more sense to ban travel to Russia than Albania which probably has only five handgrenades. Russia's already said it's out to bury us," he challenged.

Somebody asked Mr. Gregory when he was intending to make the trip and he said "after elections . . . you know I'm running for mayor of Chicago."

Then he was off on the new subjects — voter machines, write-in ballots and election petitions and everybody was laughing again because the way he said it made it all come out funny.

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(GREGORY)

WASHINGTON--COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY TODAY ASKED A FEDERAL JUDGE TO BAR THE STATE DEPARTMENT FROM REVOKING HIS PASSPORT FOR A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HE TOOK TO NORTH VIETNAM WITHOUT GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION.

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE ALEXANDER HOLTZOFF TOOK UNDER ADVISEMENT GREGORY'S REQUEST FOR AN INJUNCTION AGAINST SECRETARY RUSK.

"I WANT TO KNOW IF THIS GOVERNMENT CAN INTERFERE WITH MY RIGHT TO TRAVEL," GREGORY EXPLAINED TO A REPORTER.

"ARE WE PUTTING SOME COUNTRIES OFF LIMITS BECAUSE WE DON'T LIKE THEM OR BECAUSE THEY ARE COMMUNIST? THEN RUSSIA SHOULD BE OFF LIMITS AS THE NO. 1 COMMUNIST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD."

THE NEGRO ENTERTAINER WAS REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS LEONARD B. BOUDIN AND DAVID REIN. BOUDIN RECENTLY REPRESENTED A GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO TRAVELED TO CUBA WITHOUT VALIDATED PASSPORTS AND ALSO WAS JULIAN BOND'S LAWYER IN HIS BATTLE TO FORCE THE GEORGIA LEGISLATURE TO SEAT HIM.

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Six-Month Term For Gregory

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 day to six months in the
 Thurston County jail for
 taking part in three Indian
 fish-in demonstrations last
 year.

Three months of the sen-
 tence were suspended.

GREGORY'S wife, EL-

lian, was given a suspend-
 ed 30-day sentence for her
 part in two fish-ins on the
 Nisqually River.

Gregory and his wife
 were convicted last month
 after a three-day jury trial.

After sentencing, Gregory
 posted a \$1,000 appeal
 bond and said he will take
 his case to the State Su-
 preme Court. Mrs. Gregory

did not appeal her suspend-
 ed sentence.

THURSTON County Su-
 perior Court Judge Hewitt
 A. Henry denied a motion
 by Gregory's attorney,
 Jack Tanner of Tacoma,
 for a new trial.

Gregory and his wife left
 for New York City imme-
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**Gregory Gets
Six Months**

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 13 (UPI) — Nightclub comic Dick Gregory was sentenced to six months in jail with three months suspended yesterday for violating state fish conservation laws.

Gregory's wife, Lillian, was given a one-month suspended sentence for her part in demonstrations staged by Indians last year in support of tribal fishing rights.

The Negro former candidate for mayor of Chicago was convicted along with his wife last month after a three-day jury trial in Thurston County Superior Court.

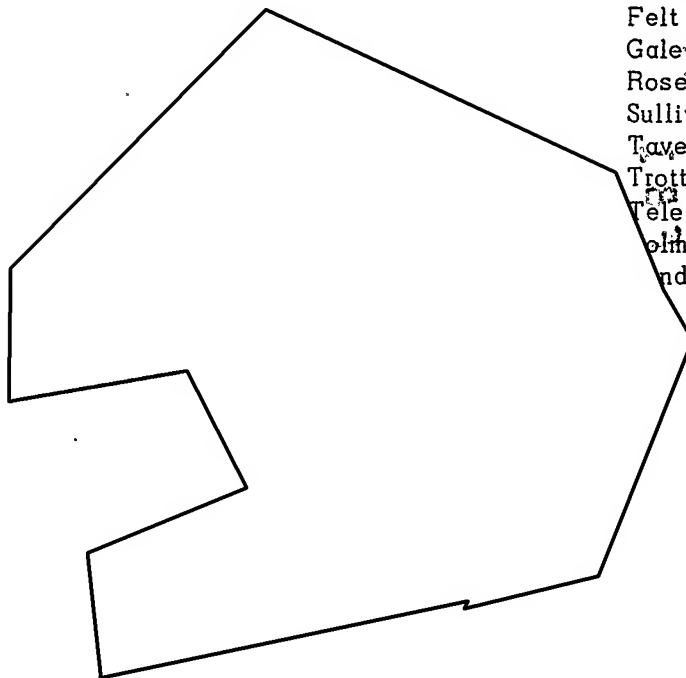
Gregory, free on \$1000 bond, said he will appeal his conviction to the state supreme court.

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(RACIAL)

OLYMPIA, WASH.--NIGHTCLUB COMIC DICK GREGORY WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS IN JAIL WITH THREE MONTHS SUSPENDED TODAY FOR VIOLATING STATE FISH CONSERVATION LAWS.

GREGORY'S WIFE, LILLIAN, WAS GIVEN A ONE-MONTH SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR HER PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS STAGED BY INDIANS LAST YEAR IN SUPPORT OF TRIBAL FISHING RIGHTS.

THE NEGRO COMIC, A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO, WAS CONVICTED ALONG WITH HIS WIFE LAST MONTH AFTER A THREE-DAY JURY TRIAL IN THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT.

GREGORY, FREE ON \$1,000 BOND, SAID HE WILL APPEAL HIS CONVICTION TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT.

"I DON'T WANT TO MAKE A MARTYR OUT OF YOU BUT I DON'T WANT TO LET YOU OFF FREE, EITHER," THE JUDGE SAID IN PRONOUNCING GREGORY'S SENTENCE.

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Gregory Sues to Hold Passport *B5*

Attorneys for comedian Dick Gregory sought an injunction here yesterday to stop the State Department from yanking Gregory's passport if he goes to North Vietnam.

The effect of the suit is to ask the court to bar the Government from doing something before it's done it.

"This is the first time that the 'protective order' theory has been applied to the right to travel," said Gregory's lawyer, Leonard Boudin, in a telephone interview from New York yesterday.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court here, will come up for hearing soon.

Gregory announced some months ago that he intended to go to North Vietnam, one of several "restricted" countries listed on the standard American passport. State Department regulations specify that the passport is "not valid" for travel to such countries.

Gregory said the State Department warned him that his passport could be revoked upon his return from North Vietnam.

He argues in his suit that his constitutional right to travel is abridged by these "arbitrary and illegal conditions."

There is no authority in the controlling Passport Law of 1926 for "imposition of an oath of good conduct as a condition precedent to the exercise of the right to travel," he says.

He then asked the court to declare the State Department regulations invalid and to enjoin the Department from carrying out its "threat" to revoke his passport.

The suit described Gregory as a "lecturer, comedian, poet, educator, author and civic leader."

In a similar but not identical case earlier this year, Yale history professor Staughton Lynd unsuccessfully sought a court order to restore his passport after the State Department invalidated it after his return from North Vietnam. That case is on appeal.

Because of technical difficulties in Europe, Gregory failed in an attempt to get to North Vietnam earlier this month. He said he still plans to go.

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Dick Gregory Sues U.S. on Visa Curbs

Comedian Dick Gregory has filed a suit in U.S. District Court asking that Secretary of State Dean Rusk be restrained from revoking his passport if he should travel to North Vietnam.

Gregory, through his attorney, Leonard B. Boudin of New York City, also claimed restrictions on his foreign travel are in violation of his constitutional rights and the Passport Act of 1926.

The suit filed yesterday says Gregory was issued a passport on June 23, 1964, and that it is valid for three years and can be renewed for an additional two years.

On Dec. 2, 1966, the suit states, he advised the government by telegram that he intended to travel in North Vietnam and was willing to accept full responsibility for his personal safety.

However, he was advised that travel was prohibited in North Vietnam, China, North Korea, Albania and Cuba.

He said he was warned that travel to such countries "was cause for cancellation or revocation of his passport and for denial of an application for a passport or the renewal of a passport."

The suit states: "It is still the plaintiff's (Gregory's) intention to travel to North Vietnam in connection both with his professional work as an American citizen concerned with the foreign relations of the United States and with human beings throughout the world."

The suit claims there is no authority in the passport law for imposition of an oath of good conduct as a condition of travel.

He asked the court to rule that the passport regulations are invalid and illegal and that Rusk be enjoined from suspending, revoking or cancelling his passport by reason of his travel to so-called restricted areas.

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Gregory Does Cell Show Here

Comedian Dick Gregory, who had intended to be in North Vietnam on Christmas entertaining U.S. soldiers held prisoner, instead spent part of the day with Cook County Jail inmates.

Accompanied by Warden Jack Johnson, Gregory toured the institution tier by tier and spoke personally with many of the 1,758 men and women prisoners.

"I didn't try to be political—just funny," said Gregory. "All I wanted to do was put a smile on their faces and a little cheer in their hearts."

Canceled Trip

Gregory got as far as London before Hanoi authorities postponed his trip to North Vietnam.

"They told me the recent bombings made the trip too dangerous at this time," said Gregory, "so I decided to cancel it."

"All I wanted to do was

tell our boys we cared about them and to bring them a 'Merry Christmas' from the folks back home," he added.

Gregory, who has been arrested in connection with civil rights demonstrations, recalled:

"I've spent a lot of time in jails. I know what it's like to spend time behind bars. And I know it's even tougher to be there at Christmas."

At Own Request

The comedian made the visit at his own request.

Gregory himself faces the prospect of serving five months in the County Jail for disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic during a demonstration June 11, 1965, at E. Balbo Dr. and S. Columbus Dr. He also received five months on state charges of resisting arrest and battery arising from the same incident. He is out on bail pending an appeal of both convictions.

Gregory kept his jail appearance in a light vein, except for one serious note. He told the inmates:

"The basic problem facing us on Earth is that we are so busy being our brother's keeper that we fail to realize that it is as important to be our brother's brother."

Dinner For Inmates

After the entertainment, inmates at the jail sat down to a dinner of roast chicken with giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, ice cream, fruit and cigarettes.

"It's not like being at home for Christmas," said Johnson, who has spent the last 12 Christmases with the inmates of the jail, "but it does cheer the inmates up to know someone still cares about them, no matter what they may have done."

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Instead of visiting prisoners in North Vietnam on Christmas Day, comedian Dick Gregory entertains inmates in the

County Jail. His back against the bars, Gregory tries to make prisoners smile. (Sun-Times Photo by Jack Dykinga)

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Gregory Says Hanoi Asks Him to Delay Trip

LONDON (AP) — Dick Gregory, the American Negro comedian, said today North Viet Nam has urged him to postpone his trip to entertain captured American troops because new American bombing raids have made the Hanoi airport area unsafe.

Gregory told newsmen he was informed by Earl Bertrand Russell of Hanoi's decision. But he said he expected to get the green light eventually for his Christmas trip.

"There is a Christmas truce agreed upon," the 34-year-old Chicagoan said, "and then I may be able to land in Hanoi."

Russell's Peace Foundation negotiated Gregory's proposal to visit North Viet Nam with Hanoi, and said North Vietnamese contacts in London obtained the promise of a visa.

The visa awaits, he in Paris," Gregory said. "I would have picked it up yesterday if I had not had this new word."

A telegram from Lord Russell to Gregory said: "Deeply regret there is no alternative postponement your visit Hanoi for short time owing to vicious American bombing attacks on Hanoi outskirts and airport stop trip should occur soon despite American attack."

Gregory cabled President Ho Chi Minh in Hanoi regretting "the bombing of Hanoi" and the postponement but added he would return to the United States and await word for his projected Christmas trip.

He arranged to fly to New York today.

Asked if he anticipated any difficulties with the American authorities who forbid travel to North Viet Nam, Gregory replied:

"The State Department has mixed emotions about this. They first threatened me with five years in jail and then later said they requested permission

for the trip they would have granted it."

He said that if and when he does take off for Paris to activate a North Vietnamese visit, he will inform American authorities but has no intention of asking for any approval.

He reiterated that his sole purpose would be to take along films of Cassius Clay's fights and otherwise try to cheer up American prisoners held in the Communist north, most of them downed pilots.

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Gregory's Hanoi Follies

Dick Gregory's junket to Hanoi, if he goes at all, will cause a considerable headache for the State Department, which quite obviously hasn't been able to reach a consensus on just how to handle the problem. And the morning after may bring a pang or two to the former comedian, too.

Specifically—if the department choses to do so—it can lift Gregory's passport on his return on the grounds that he has traveled to a restricted area without prior approval. Such travel is also, according to the United States Code, punishable by a fine of \$5,000, five years imprisonment, or both.

There are, however, several complicating factors in the picture, beside those involved in today's postponement announcement. To begin with, Gregory's announced reason for going is to arrange for a Christmas show for the American prisoners. That is, surely, a noble-sounding idea. And besides, the U.S. government is anxious to find out just as much as possible about the number and treatment of the prison-

ers—information Gregory would, presumably be able to gather.

Besides that, there's some question about the legality of travel restrictions and the criminal penalties involved—a question now before the Supreme Court.

Without trying to prejudge the court decision, we are nevertheless prepared to pass judgment on the advisability of Gregory's mission to Hanoi. We think it's a terrible mistake.

For Gregory, there is at least the chance that it will add to his legal woes, which are already considerable. And, as for the prisoners, it is doubtful that Gregory will provide much by way of entertainment. His bitterness has long since swamped his sense of humor.

If Ho Chi Minh really entertains any charitable feelings toward the prisoners during the holiday season, why not book Bob Hope and his entourage of well-fleshed starlets? Or Sammy Davis, Jr. plus a bevy of beauties? Or just a carload of female entertainers? At least not Dick Gregory. The POWs have enough problems as it is.

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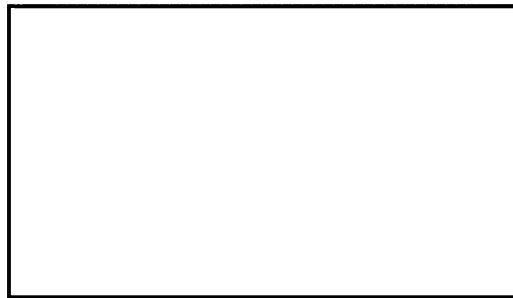
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LONDON--AMERICAN COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY SAID TODAY NORTH VIETNAM HAS "POSTPONED" HIS CLAIMED TRIP TO ARRANGE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT FOR AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS BECAUSE "VICIOUS" U.S. BOMBING HAS MADE HANOI AIRPORT RISKY TO LAND.

"I STILL HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GO FOR CHRISTMAS," THE 34-YEAR-OLD CIVIL RIGHTS SUPPORTER SAID. "I AM RETURNING TO AMERICA TODAY AND WILL WAIT THERE UNTIL I HEAR I CAN LEAVE."

HE HAD ANNOUNCED PLANS TO LEAVE TODAY FOR HANOI.

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OFF FOR HANOI

Comedian Dick Gregory prepares to leave New York's Kennedy Airport last night on his way to Hanoi, North Viet Nam, where he hopes to arrange to entertain captured American servicemen. He arranged the trip three weeks ago in London with two North Viet Nam representatives, he said. He told reporters he will not discuss politics while on the trip or "talk about peace—that is not my role."

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(GREGORY)

LONDON--AMERICAN NEGRO COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY SAID YESTERDAY HE WAS PREPARED TO FACE A POSSIBLE FIVE-YEAR PRISON TERM IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROSECUTES HIM FOR HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM.

GREGORY TOLD NEWSMEN ON HIS ARRIVAL AT LONDON AIRPORT THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO PARIS "WITHIN TWO DAYS," AND FROM THERE WILL MAKE AIR CONNECTIONS FOR HANOI.

HE SAID THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS THUS FAR MADE NO MOVE TO HALT HIM. "THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO," HE SAID. "IF I RUN INTO TROUBLE, IT WILL BE ON RE-ENTERING THE COUNTRY AFTER THIS FIRST VISIT."

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Gregory Hopes To Entertain Hanoi Captives

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, said this morning that he hopes to entertain American prisoners of war in North Viet Nam as a "human being—not as a patriot or as an American."

In an interview at Kennedy Airport, the comedian said he was en route to Hanoi via London and Paris to try to arrange for a Christmas visit with captured Americans.

Gregory, who said he is "against killing," stated that while in North Viet Nam he would not discuss politics or "talk about peace—that is not my role."

He said he had informed the State Department about his intentions to go to North Viet Nam and said the department had sent a reply yesterday to his home in Chicago. He said the telegram simply advised him about "two point of law" and he said that since he was unfamiliar with legal matters he did not know whether the State Department approved the trip or not.

"I turned the telegram over to my lawyers," the comedian said.

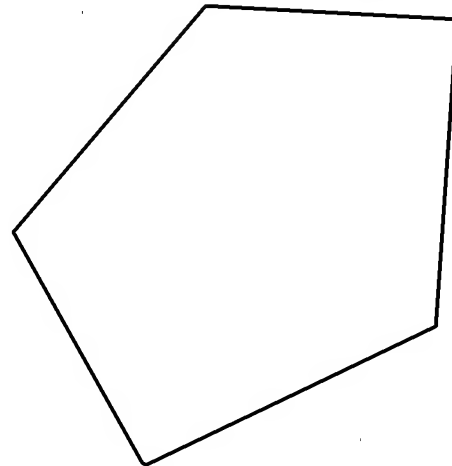
Asked if there were a possibility that the State Department would lift his passport, Gregory said: "I really don't know." He added, "If I have to go to jail a few days or lose my passport, it will be worth it."

Gregory said he made arrangements for the trip to Hanoi three weeks ago in a London meeting with two North Vietnamese representatives. The meeting, according to the comedian, was arranged by Bertrand Russell, British philosopher and pacifist.

In Washington, State Department press officer Robert J. McCloskey said the department's reply informed Gregory that "travel to, in or through" restricted countries such as North Viet Nam without passport validated for such travel was grounds for passport revocation.

About 50 travelers have received U. S. approval to go to Hanoi because their visits were considered in the U. S. national interest. But Gregory has not requested such permission, McCloskey said.

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NEW YORK (UPI)--"I WOULDN'T GO TO VIET NAM TO ENTERTAIN THE TROOPS. I HAVE A PROFOUND DISLIKE FOR KILLERS ON EITHER SIDE," SAID NEGRO COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY ON THE EVE OF HIS UNAUTHORIZED TRIP TO HANOI MONDAY TO SEEK PERMISSION TO ENTERTAIN CAPTURED AMERICAN PILOTS AT CHRISTMAS.

"CAPTURED AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE ANOTHER MATTER," HE SAID. "THEY'RE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SOLDIERS ON THE FRONT LINE. I'VE ENTERTAINED PRISONERS IN A PENITENTIARY, BUT I'D NEVER PLAY FOR A ROBBERS' BANQUET."

GREGORY STOOD ON 125TH STREET--HARLEM'S MAIN STEM--AND GLANCED AT THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FLAPPING IN THE FREEZING WIND COMING IN OFF THE EAST RIVER.

"I'M MORE ANTI-KILLING THAN ANTI-WAR," HE SAID AFTER A MOMENT. "BUT WE'RE STUPID TO FIGHT WARS LIKE THIS."

THE 34-YEAR-OLD GREGORY, WHO IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAS REPEATEDLY INTERRUPTED HIS BOOKINGS AS AN OUTSPOKEN SOCIAL SATIRIST TO TAKE PART IN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIONS, LEAVES MONDAY FOR LONDON "AND WHATEVER CONNECTING FLIGHT TO HANOI THAT HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR ME."

"I'VE GOT A VISA TO NORTH VIET NAM WAITING OVER THERE," HE ADDED.

GREGORY'S PASSPORT FORBIDS TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM, CHINA, CUBA, ALBANIA AND NORTH KOREA. FRIDAY HE NOTIFIED THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY TELEGRAM OF HIS PLANS, ADDING HE "ACCEPTED FULL RESPONSIBILITY" FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT COULD REVOKE GREGORY'S PASSPORT WHEN HE RETURNS AS IT HAS DONE IN A NUMBER OF OTHER CASES OF AMERICANS TRAVELING TO HANOI.

GREGORY ALSO COULD BE JAILED FOR FIVE YEARS AND FINED \$5,000 FOR DISOBEYING FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS, BUT HE WOULD BE THE FIRST TO ACTUALLY PAY THESE PENALTIES. SEVERAL SIMILAR CASES ARE PRESENTLY UNDER APPEAL, ONE OF THEM BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT.

ANOTHER RECENT TRAVELER TO HANOI, YALE FACULTY MEMBER STAUGHTON LYND, HAD HIS PASSPORT REVOKED ON HIS RETURN FROM A 10-DAY VISIT DEC. 19-29, 1965 BUT IT WAS RETURNED TEMPORARILY LATER SO HE COULD KEEP SPEAKING DATES IN EUROPE. ON JULY 22, HE LOST A BID IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN WASHINGTON TO FORCE THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO RETURN THE PASSPORT PERMANENTLY.

IN THE CASE OF WILLIAM WORTHY, A NEGRO JOURNALIST WHO VISITED CASTRO CUBA IN 1961, A THREE-JUDGE PANEL OF THE U.S. FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN NEW ORLEANS RULED UNANIMOUSLY FEB. 20, 1965 THAT A LAW PROHIBITING A CITIZEN FROM LEAVING OR ENTERING THE COUNTRY WITH A VALID PASSPORT WAS ILLEGAL. WORTHY HAD BEEN DENIED A PASSPORT WHEN HE REFUSED TO SIGN A COMMITMENT NOT TO TRAVEL TO COMMUNIST NATIONS.

"LOOK, I LET MY ATTORNEY WORRY ABOUT THOSE THINGS," GREGORY SAID. "I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY PASSPORT SAYS. IF I WORRIED ABOUT SUCH THINGS, I'D NEVER GET ANYWHERE."

HE SAID HIS PLANS, IF SUCCESSFUL, INVOLVE TWO TRIPS TO HANOI IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS.

"IF THE NORTH VIET NAM GOVERNMENT SAYS OKAY, I'LL COME BACK HERE AND GET SET UP AND GO BACK AT CHRISTMAS. IF MY GOVERNMENT WON'T LET ME BACK OUT OF THE COUNTRY, I'LL SEND MY WIFE, LILY, TO DO IT."

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY COMPLETE ENTERTAINMENT PLANS ARE YET. I'M PRETTY SURE I WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE ANY OTHER PEOPLE ALONG WITH ME. BUT I PLAN TO TAKE FILMS OF THE NOTRE DAME-MICHIGAN STATE GAME, THE CASSIUS CLAY FIGHTS AND PRO FOOTBALL."

"ANY ACT I MIGHT PUT ON WILL NOT BE SOCIAL COMMENTARY," HE ADDED.

THE BURLY GREGORY, WHOSE LATEST ACTIVITIES INCLUDING JOINING IN THE WASHINGTON STATE INDIAN FIGHTING RIGHTS BATTLE, AS WELL AS CAMPAIGNING FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO, SAID HE HAD HAD NO RESPONSE TO HIS PLANS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

"I HAVE PERMISSION TO COME TO HANOI--THAT'S ALL" HE SAID. "WHEN I WAS IN LONDON A FEW WEEKS AGO I HAD BERTRAND RUSSELL'S OFFICE SET UP A MEETING FOR ME WITH TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIET NAM GOVERNMENT."

"I TOLD THEM I WAS A PRIVATE, PATRIOTIC AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO WAS CONCERNED WITH MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN. I TOLD THEM I WANT TO COME IN AND BRING ENTERTAINMENT TO THE PRISONERS."

"THEY SAID THEY DIDN'T KNOW FOR SURE. CONSIDERING THE MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF BOMBS WE'VE BEEN DROPPING ON THEM, BUT SAID THEY'D CHECK AND LET ME KNOW. WEDNESDAY

"LAST FRIDAY, BERTRAND RUSSELL'S SECRETARY CALLED ME IN CHICAGO AND SAID I'D BEEN OKAYED FOR THE HANOI TRIP."

LATER, AT HIS LAST NIGHT CLUB ACT BEFORE A PACKED HOUSE AT THE VILLAGE GATE IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, GREGORY SNORTED SCORNFULLY WHEN ASKED IF HIS TRIP WAS A PUBLICITY STUNT.

"PUBLICITY? IF I WANTED PUBLICITY I COULD ENTERTAIN THE TROOPS IN SAGON--THE GOVERNMENT EVEN PAYS FOR THESE--AND PUT ON A SPECIAL TELEVISION SHOW AFTERWARDS."

HE GRINNED SARDONICALLY AT THE AUDIENCE. "AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME GETTING KILLED WITH OUR BOMBS, BABY. THERE'S GOING TO BE A TRUCE. REMEMBER?"

"TWO SOLDIERS ARE IN THE MIDST OF TRYING TO KILL EACH OTHER WHEN SOMEONE CRIES, 'TIME OUT FOR CHRISTMAS!'"

"IF THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, WHY DON'T WE MARK EVERY DAY ON THE CALENDAR CHRISTMAS?"

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Doubt U. S. Prosecution of Gregory

Dick Gregory, Chicago comedian and political candidate probably will escape prosecution if he carries out his plan to visit North Viet Nam without state department approval. That is the opinion of United States Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan.

Hanrahan said the final decision would be up to the state department, but he doubts Washington will take any action.

Flying to New York

Federal laws provide a maximum sentence of 5 years and a \$5,000 fine for violation of restrictions on travel to certain communist countries, including North Viet Nam.

Gregory plans to fly to New York today on the first leg of his Asian journey. Yesterday he said he was going "with or without" the approval of the state department. He planned to advise them of his plans by registered letter.

Denies Publicity Stunt

Thru British sources, Gregory said, he has learned Premier Ho Chi Minh is willing to discuss his offer to entertain American prisoners in North Viet Nam during the Christmas season.

To prove it's not all a publicity stunt, Gregory said he would drop out of show business for 2 years if the Communists agree to his entertainment tour.

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(GREGORY)

CHICAGO--COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY FLYS TO NEW YORK TODAY EN ROUTE TO HANOI TO NEGOTIATE WITH NORTH VIET NAM AUTHORITIES ON A POSSIBLE CHRISTMAS VISIT HE WANTS TO MAKE TO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR THERE.

ALTHOUGH A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THURSDAY THE COMEDIAN HAS NOT ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO VALIDATE HIS PASSPORT FOR ENTRY TO NORTH VIET NAM, USUALLY RESTRICTED TO NEWSMEN, GREGORY SAID HE INTENDED TO GO.

GREGORY SAID HE HAD "NO IDEA" OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF BEING PROSECUTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AFTER RETURNING FROM NORTH VIET NAM. "I THINK THE AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PASSPORT TO ME."

HE SAID HE INTENDS TO SEND THE STATE DEPARTMENT A LETTER "TO INFORM THEM WHERE I'M GOING, WHAT MY INTENTIONS ARE AND WHOM I INTEND TO SPEAK WITH."

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Gregory, Hanoi Aides To Discuss POW Show

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Negro comedian Dick Gregory asked for approval to visit American war prisoners in Hanoi. Privately officials did not think he would qualify but they did not rule out the possibility that he might obtain some valuable information about American prisoners.

Gregory said yesterday he had received word through British philosopher Bertrand Russell that Hanoi had given him clearance to visit the North Vietnamese capital. Russell is a staunch pacifist.

In Washington, State Department officials said Gregory has a passport valid until next June except for travel to North Viet Nam, Red China, North Korea, Albania and Cuba.

He has not asked the State Department to make an exception which would permit his travel to Hanoi. He plans to fly first to Paris and will see North Vietnamese officials there.

Officially no one in the State Department would say what action would be taken if Gregory

asked for approval to visit American war prisoners in Hanoi. Privately officials did not think he would qualify but they did not rule out the possibility that he might obtain some valuable information about American prisoners.

Gregory said he was not going to Hanoi as an American "but as a human being who rejects war as a means of solving disputes between nations."

He said he would only entertain prisoners, not active fighting men of either side, because of his rejection of war.

In another development, Gregory and his wife, Lillian, were found guilty last night on two counts each of illegal fishing in the Nisqually River 10 months ago. Their three-day trial stemmed from a series of "fish-ins" to protest state conservation laws which prohibit Indians from using nets in fishing off their reservations.

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(GREGORY)

WASHINGTON--THE STATE DEPARTMENT DECLINED TO SAY TODAY WHETHER IT WOULD VALIDATE COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY'S PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO HANOI, IF HE ASKED FOR IT.

GREGORY HASN'T ASKED. HE SAID IN OLYMPIA, WASH. WEDNESDAY THAT HE PLANNED TO LEAVE MONDAY FOR HANOI TO DISCUSS ENTERTAINMENT OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICER ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE DEPARTMENT PLANNED TO CONTACT GREGORY ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE. MCCLOSKEY DECLINED TO SPECULATE WHAT THE DECISION WOULD BE IF GREGORY APPLIED.

SO FAR THIS YEAR THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS VALIDATED PASSPORTS OF ABOUT 50 AMERICANS TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM, SOME 43 OF THESE WERE NEWSMEN. TWO WERE LISTED AS HUMANITARIANS; THREE AS SCHOLARS AND ONE AS SIMPLY BEING IN THE "NATIONAL INTEREST." NAMES OF THOSE GRANTED TRAVEL PERMISSION WERE WITHHELD.

BUT OFFICIALS SAID NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN GRANTED NORTH VIETNAMESE VISAS AND NONE OF THEM ACTUALLY GOT TO NORTH VIET NAM.

DURING THE PAST YEAR THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS GRADUALLY LENGTHENED THE LIST OF CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE IT WILL LET GO TO NORTH VIET NAM, RED CHINA AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. BUT OFFICIALS COULD RECALL NO CASE INVOLVING AN ENTERTAINER.

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(GREGORY-VIET)

OLYMPIA, WASH.--NIGHTCLUB COMIC DICK GREGORY SAID TODAY HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO NORTH VIET NAM TO DISCUSS ENTERTAINMENT OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

GREGORY SAID HE WILL FLY TO LONDON MONDAY AND THEN TO PARIS WHERE HE PLANS TO DEPART FOR HANOI.

THE NEGRO ENTERTAINER IS CURRENTLY ON TRIAL WITH HIS WIFE, LILLIAN, IN THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. THE COUPLE IS CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL FISHING FOR THEIR PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS SUPPORTING CLAIMS OF A GROUP OF INDIANS EARLIER THIS YEAR.

IF HE IS CONVICTED, GREGORY SAID HE WOULD APPEAL, POST BOND AND PROCEED TO VIET NAM.

HE SAID HIS WIFE AND TWO ELDEST DAUGHTERS, MICHELLE, 7, AND LYNN, 5, WOULD GO WITH HIM TO NORTH VIET NAM ALONG WITH HIS PERSONAL SECRETARY, ARTHUR STOVER.

GREGORY SAID HE IS MAKING THE TRIP "NOT AS AN AMERICAN BUT AS A HUMAN BEING."

HE WANTS TO ENTERTAIN THE AMERICAN PRISONERS BECAUSE "WHEN A MAN IS CAPTURED HE BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT."

NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE TRIP BEGAN EARLIER THIS MONTH IN PARIS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF ENGLISH PHILOSOPHER BERTRAND RUSSELL.

GREGORY INDICATED HE IS NOT CONCERNED BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE APPROVAL OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE THE TRIP.

"I THINK I'LL BE TRUSTED MORE BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT STATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL," GREGORY SAID.

HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A SOCIAL SATIRIST AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO REWRITE HIS ACT IF HE GETS APPROVAL TO ENTERTAIN THE PRISONERS. HE SAID HE HOPES TO TAKE ALONG SOME MUSICAL ENTERTAINERS.

IF THE ENTERTAINMENT IS APPROVED BY THE COMMUNISTS, GREGORY SAID HE WOULD DROP OUT OF SHOW BUSINESS FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS, "EVEN THOUGH I KNOW MY STOCK IN THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD WOULD GO UP."

HE SAID HE DOESN'T WANT TO MAKE ANY FINANCIAL GAIN FROM THE TRIP EVEN THOUGH IT WILL COST HIM BETWEEN \$50,000 AND \$100,000.

HE PLANNED TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE VISIT BY APPEARANCES IN CHICAGO NIGHTCLUBS. GREGORY CALLS CHICAGO HIS HOMETOWN AND IS AN ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR THERE.

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(GREGORY)

CHICAGO--ENTERTAINER DICK GREGORY SAID TODAY HE INTENDS TO GO TO NORTH VIET NAM REGARDLESS OF HOW U.S. OFFICIALS MAY FEEL ABOUT SUCH A TRIP. GREGORY, WHO SAYS HE WANTS TO ENTERTAIN AMERICAN SERVICEMEN CAPTURED BY THE COMMUNISTS, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HE WOULD NOT CONSIDER ASKING THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR PERMISSION TO GO TO NORTH VIET NAM.

"I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WILL BE REPRISALS AND I DON'T CARE," GREGORY SAID.

HE SAID HE HOPED TO HEAR FROM NORTH VIET NAM OFFICIALS THIS WEEK.

HE WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN SOUTH VIET NAM SHOULD THE NORTH VIET NAM VISIT FALL THROUGH.

"I WILL NOT GO TO SOUTH VIET NAM," GREGORY SAID. "I HATE KILLINGS ON ALL SIDES. I WILL NOT ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS IN SOUTH VIET NAM."

GREGORY ALSO SAID THE WARREN COMMISSION HAD NOT TOLD THE "TRUE STORY" ABOUT PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

GREGORY SAID OFFICIALS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THE SECRET SERVICE HAD CONTRIVED TO KEEP THE "REAL FACTS" FROM THE PUBLIC. HE SAID ONE FBI OFFICIAL WAS THE "MOST DANGEROUS, THE MOST POWERFUL" MAN IN THE NATION.

"THIS MAN KEEPS HIS JOB," GREGORY SAID, BECAUSE "HE HAS DIRT ON EVERYBODY." GREGORY SAID THE U.S. IS TURNING INTO A "SECRET POLICY COUNTRY."

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Dick Gregory's S.F. Sermon

Applause For Angry Address

By Ralph Craib

Glide Memorial Methodist Church — where the former-ly traditional 11 a.m. worship service has become some-thing of a weekly happening — went into big-time show biz yesterday.

The hour and 15 minute sermon was delivered by night club entertainer Dick Gregory, who took that long to tell his predominantly white listeners that they were all a bunch of hypocrites. They applauded him.

The appearance of Gregory, a militant civil rights leader, was indicative of the path chosen for Glide Memorial by the Rev. A. Cecil Williams, minister of worship and evangelism for the last two and a half months.

The Rev. Mr. Williams warned the congregation for Gregory's sermon by telling members that "if we can't admit that we're phony people, then there's something wrong with us."

"Many come to church to get a good feeling," he said. "At Glide, you are not going to get that good feeling any more." There will not be, he

said, any smugness as the church attempts to face the realities of America today.

"Religion is on the spot today," Gregory, a non-church-goer, said.

"The book says, 'Thou shalt not kill,' he said. 'You haven't told the state

of California they can't kill you better go to the State and get rid of capital punishment or I think you're a fraud."

He said that he objected to the slaughter in Vietnam and knew a certain way to avoid it.

"I didn't want to have to kill a lot of people," he said. "Just one man," he said. "The Army wouldn't want me

then, because you have to be church-like and non-violent to be a good killer."

"If you are a soldier and kill a Viet Cong," he said, "how can you prove that America is an enemy of God?"

"The Vietnam doesn't seem so good today," he continued. "In Vietnam, we have 600,000 troops committed to give the Vietnamese instant freedom — but the Negro gets his on the installment plan."

The racial situation throughout the country, he said, was like "a batch of greasy rags in a closed closet."

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Gregory is now at the hungry where, appropriately, a minister, the Rev. Malcolm Boyd, is now appearing as an entertainer.

Next on the bill at Glide Memorial are modern jazz

groups, contemporary dancers, invitations to symphony musicians to participate with the choir at worship, and appearances of poverty fighter Saul Alinsky and participation in the Artists' Liberation Front art show.

How is the congregation reacting to all of this? "On the whole, we have had a warm response," the Rev. Mr. Williams said.

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DICK GREGORY usually is identified in news stories as "comedian" or "entertainer." But he spends most of his time working for his fellow men; and these labels are inadequate.

Anyway, citizen Gregory was very much in the news last summer. He was leading marches and walks and protests and sit downs all over Chicago and the suburbs. He drew a pretty bad press.

He said, tho, that this method of protesting and of letting off steam was better than rioting. And Chicago did not have a major racial disorder last summer. One started but it was quickly checked.

I haven't talked once with Gregory this summer, and don't even know if he is in town. But he is not leading marches, and he is not the big man this summer, and this has been Chicago's most violent summer.

A word should be said for this guy, a year later when his much criticized tactics have been proven to have had one major value, at least.



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Dick Gregory Now Faces Another Trial

Comedian Dick Gregory, freed on bond after one conviction, Wednesday faced trial on charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing justice after he failed to have the charges dismissed on grounds of discrimination.

Gregory's attorneys sought dismissal charging that the county jury system discriminated against Negroes and favored all-white juries.

Jury Court Magistrate James Sullivan denied the motion, saying: "The jury system is not on trial here; Dick Gregory is."

THE CHARGES are by the city and stem from Gregory's participation in a civil rights demonstration last June 11 at E. Balbo and Columbus Dr.

Gregory is free on appeal bond after conviction on state charges of resisting arrest and battery arising from the same incident.

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Gregory as a Martyr

THE CASE OF DICK GREGORY is not likely to make everyone happy. The Negro comedian and civil rights spokesman was sentenced to five months in jail and fined \$1,400 Tuesday on charges of battery and resisting arrest; police witnesses said he kicked and bit them during a demonstration against Schools Supt. Benjamin Willis last June.

By a tactic that may make sense to Gregory but doesn't to us, his attorney offered no witnesses in his defense and refused to cross-examine other witnesses. So, because of Gregory, only one side was heard. The trial became a staged piece of synthetic martyrdom with which Gregory evidently means to embarrass Mayor Daley and his administration. Having virtually arranged his own conviction, he is now planning to appeal it, no doubt on the grounds that he was deprived of his rights.

After refusing to exercise his rights in court, Gregory can hardly convince anyone that he was deprived of them. Just the same, his attorney, Mrs. Jean Williams, is now charging that the sentence was "obvious collusion on the part of the Democratic administration to keep Gregory from running in the mayoral campaign."

Apparently this pathetic charge is the script that Gregory means to follow. He refuses to let legal machinery work, then blames the city because it doesn't. For a comedian with his sophisticated appeal, this is awfully corny material.

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Mike Royko

A Lively Debate Greets Gregory's 5-Month Booking

Dick Gregory's five-month jail sentence was the subject of a lively debate at last night's regular meeting of the La Salle St. Rod & Gun Club.

The meeting was held in the club's headquarters, a place with a 4 a.m. closing license. Big Red, the president, opened the discussion by saying:

"Resolved, that Dick Gregory's sentence was just and proper because people shouldn't go around biting cops and I don't like him, anyways."

"I object and disagree," said Rockford John, an unemployed liberal. "I think the sentence just proves that there has always been discrimination in this town. For 130 years people have been running for mayor and this is the first time a candidate has been sentenced to jail. That's discrimination."



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"Against Gregory?" someone asked.
"No, against those earlier candidates. Don't tell me that some of them weren't as fully qualified for jail as Gregory is."

"That may be so," the bartender said, "but none of them ever bit a cop."

"Of course not," Slaty Grobnik said.
"And that just shows that Gregory may be a good comedian, but he don't know nothing about politics. A smart politician don't bite cops during his campaign. He waits until he gets elected, then he puts the bite on everybody."

"IF YOU WANT MY opinion," Phil T. Slobb interjected, "it would be perfectly all right with me if all of the candidates for all of the offices bit something—like their tongues."

"This discussion is missing the most significant point," Fat Mary said.

"That's right," said the bartender, "like who is paying for this round?"

"No," she continued. "What I mean is that the big question here is not legal, but political. What will this jail sentence do to the political parties? Will it hurt the Democrats? Will it help the Republicans?"

Sewer Sam said: "I think it would help the Republicans if a candidate for mayor got tossed in jail—but Gregory's the wrong candidate."

"Well, don't hold your breath waiting for Mayor Daley to bite a cop," said Big Red. "He's too smart to do something like that, even if he felt like it, and if he did the cop would just salute and say thank you."

"Maybe he mayor don't bite cops," added Slobb, "but the last time I heard him make a speech, it sounded like he was chewing on a nightstick."

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"WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND is why the judge got so excited about a cop or two getting bit," said Slat's Grob-nik. "My unke was on paddy-wagon duty for 20 years and he was always getting bit by prisoners. He'd come home and show us the teeth marks."

"Where?" someone asked.

"Mostly they were on the knuckles of his right hand and once he even had some on the bottom of his shoe."

Big Red protested. "I think it is a bad thing for the morale of the police departments if the courts go easy on people who bite cops, even if it is done in the name of the freedom movement. If everybody acted like Gregory did, Negroes might have more freedom, but we'd have thousands of cops running around without any fingers."

"It's the lousy way they are running the poverty program that caused it all," shouted a bum who just woke up in a booth. "If people wasn't downtrodden and hungry, they wouldn't take bites out of each other. They should have given this guy Gregory sum'n to eat."

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT everybody is excited about anyway," said Fat Mary. "Gregory is going to appeal this to the Supreme Court and they have already made their famous decision, Hand vs. Mouth."

"What one was that?" asked Big Red.

"They have held that if a policeman puts more than one finger on a suspect, the suspect is within his rights in biting the other four. And the copper got to tell the prisoner of this right."

"No matter how it turns out," said Phil T. Slobb, closing the meeting, "I think it is an encouraging thing for any candidate to get thrown in jail, no matter for what. It is a step in the right direction. If we can get all the others in there, we could have a quiet election year and after the votes are counted, we'd know which ones to let out. The losers."

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Gregory Sentenced to 5 Months in Jail

Dick Gregory, comedian who has been active in civil rights demonstrations, was fined a total of \$1,400 and sentenced to five months in the county jail yesterday on charges stemming from a march thru Grant park last June.



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Gregory with Atty. Jean Williams.

Magistrate Maurice Lee in Jury court followed the recommendation of Jack Micheletto, assistant state's attorney, in fining Gregory \$500 on each of two charges of resisting arrest, and \$200 on each of two charges of battery of a police officer, and imposing concurrent five-month jail sentences on the four charges.

Posts Appeal Bond

Five policemen testified in the trial, which concluded April 22 without the presentation of any defense witnesses, that Gregory kicked and bit arresting officers and had to be carried to a squadrol. A jury of six men and six women then found Gregory guilty.

The march became a sitdown.

demonstration at the intersection of Columbus and Balbo drives.

Mrs. Jean Williams, Gregory's attorney, said she would appeal and Gregory was released on a \$5,000 appeal bond.

In recommending the sentences, Micheletto pointed out that Gregory was convicted of disorderly conduct and fined \$400 last November as the result of his part in a demonstration near Mayor Daley's home in August.

Micheletto recalled that Gregory has been arrested a number of times.

Urging leniency, Mrs. Williams said Gregory should not

be treated like a common criminal. The Bill of Rights, she said, grants him the right and duty to demonstrate against grievances.

Mrs. Williams suggested that the state sought a long jail sentence because "it would be expedient to have him out of circulation in the forthcoming election." Gregory is an announced candidate for mayor. The charge was denied by Micheletto.

Magistrate Lee said he did not deny that Gregory had a right to demonstrate, but this does not authorize him to break the law.

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Gregory Sentenced to Jail

Comedian Says He Will Appeal

Accuses Daley
Of 'Stunt' to Assure
Mayor Vote Victory

BY JACK LAVIN

Comedian Dick Gregory was sentenced to five months in County Jail and fined \$1,400 Tuesday on charges of battery and resisting arrest.

Gregory, who was arrested during a civil rights protest march last June 11 at Balbo and Columbus Dr., said he would appeal the sentence imposed by Judge Court Magistrate Maurice Lee.

"This is another one of Mayor (Richard J.) Daley's stunts," Gregory told reporters. The Negro civil rights leader has announced he will oppose Daley in the 1967 mayoral race.

GREGORY, who was convicted by a jury April 22, could have been sentenced to up to one year in jail and fined up to \$2,000. He was found guilty of two charges each of battery and resisting arrest.

Gregory spent an hour in the court lockup until his attorney, Mrs. Jean Williams, posted \$5,000 appeal bond.

She charged during final arguments that "it would be expedient to have this man (Gregory) out of circulation during the forthcoming election."

GREGORY SAID he didn't feel there was any prejudice involved in Lee's sentence.

If this man (Lee) had been a Negro, with this gangster

machine in Chicago he would have had to do the same thing," the comedian said.

Jack Micheletto, an assistant state's attorney, in his final arguments said Mrs. Williams' charges were absurd.

"He (Gregory) is being tried for the specific charges of resisting arrest and battery—not because he is a candidate for mayor.

FIVE POLICEMEN testified in the trial that Gregory kicked and bit arresting officers and had to be carried to a squadrol.

Two other trials of Gregory on charges of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct ended in trials in April and January. These charges were filed after his arrest in front of the Board of Education offices, 228 N. La Salle, during a demonstration last June.

Gregory was fined \$400 Nov. 15 on two counts of disorderly conduct after his arrest during a demonstration near Daley's home last August.

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Dick Gregory tussling with police June 11 at Balbo and Columbus drives. The action led to his being sentenced Tuesday to five months in County Jail and fined \$1,400.

Gregory Forms Group To Keep Racial Peace

BY MICHAEL LOTTMAN

Comedian Dick Gregory Friday announced formation of a committee to preserve racial peace in Chicago this summer.

"All major urban cities are potential powder kegs," said Gregory.

He said his committee is the first to "go directly into the streets before there is something going on."

He said the committee would use street rallies, entertainment and political education "to mobilize the enormous power of the Negro community into expressing itself with ballots instead of bricks."

Two evenings of rallies next Tuesday and Wednesday will launch the committee's program, said Gregory.

HE SAID the committee would act only as a "tourniquet" to check violence, not as a substitute for improvement for Negro living conditions.

Rioting is a "normal reaction" for residents of Negro ghettos, Gregory said. "We're asking them to be abnormal this summer."

Other members of the committee are Ald. Charles Ohew (17); Lawrence Landry, Chairman of ACT, a civil rights group; attorney Jean Williams, the Rev. Archie Hargraves and Fred Hubbard, 1st District candidate for Congress.

Gregory, an announced candidate for mayor in 1967, said the committee is "not political at all."

He said the committee will

"tell people to take their grievances to the polls, but will never suggest whom to vote for."

ON THURSDAY, Mayor Richard J. Daley held the fifth in his series of meetings to deal with Negro problems.

It was the mayor's third meeting with local clergymen. Other meetings have been with labor and business leaders.

Daley heard Dr. Edgar H. F. Chandler, executive director of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, call for appointment of a school superintendent and school board members who will be "committed to integration."

The new superintendent, said Chandler, should already have demonstrated "the capacity to carry out moves towards the

integration of the school system."

Special committees are screening candidates for the superintendent's post, now held by Benjamin C. Willis, and for two vacancies on the Board of Education.

Chandler, speaking for a committee of clergymen, also called for greater integration of school faculties and assignment of more experienced teachers to Negro schools.

SCHOOL BOARD President Frank M. Whiston and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King were invited to Thursday's meeting, but neither attended. Daley said Whiston was out of town and would be at the next meeting, sometime after May 1.

King was in Stockholm.

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Governor Race Hinted By Gregory

Comedian Dick Gregory says he'll run for governor of Illinois in 1968 if he is narrowly defeated for mayor of Chicago in 1967.

Gregory also told a benefit audience Monday night at the University of Saskatoon in Saskatchewan that he is in politics to stay. He was here to raise funds for the removal of a 400-ton sacred Indian rock, which would be submerged after construction of a new dam.

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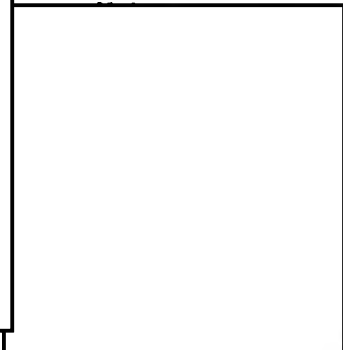
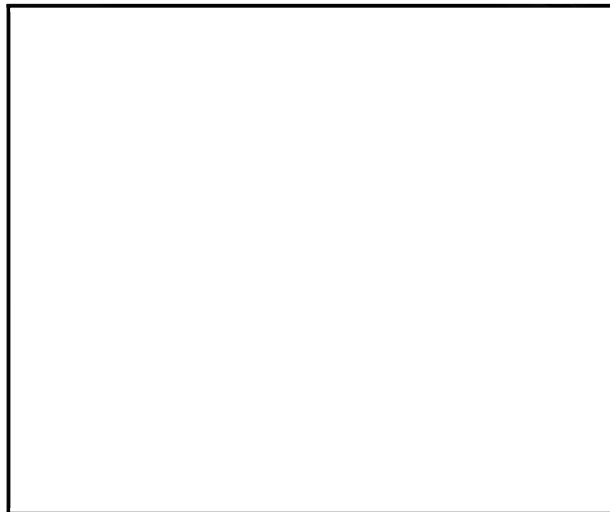
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ROCHESTER--COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY SAID SUNDAY THERE WOULD BE RIOTING ACROSS THE U.S. THIS SUMMER THAT WOULD MAKE "WATTS (CALIF.) LOOK LIKE THE POPE'S PICNIC."

GREGORY PINPOINTED CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS AS PRIME TARGETS FOR POSSIBLE RIOTING.

"ALL WE NEED IS ONE BAD SCENE TO TOUCH OFF FIGHTING ALL ACROSS THE NATION," HE SAID.

GREGORY DEFENDED THE RIGHT OF HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION CASSIUS CLAY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE WAR IN VIET NAM AND FOR SAYING HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE DRAFTED.

"YOU NOTICE THEY RAISE MORE HELL ABOUT ONE NEGRO EXPRESSING HIS ANTI-WAR OPINION THAN THEY DO WHEN A WHITE MAN BURNS HIS DRAFT CARD," GREGORY SAID.

HE SAID HE BELIEVES VIET NAM SHARES EQUAL IMPORTANCE WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS DRIVE AMONG ACTIVIST GROUPS IN THIS COUNTRY. HE SAID WHILE IT IS CIVIL RIGHTS TO WHICH HE DEVOTES HIS TIME, THE VIET NAM ISSUE IS IMPORTANT ENOUGH THAT IT WILL AND SHOULD DRAW ATTENTION FROM HIS CAMPAIGN.

GREGORY CALLED THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL PASSED BY CONGRESS A "GREAT MYTH."

"THE NEGRO ISN'T ASKING FOR ANYTHING NEW. HE DOESN'T WANT ANYTHING THAT HASN'T BEEN STATED FOR A COUPLE OF CENTURIES IN THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION," HE SAID.

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Comedy with built-in barbs

He's one of most powerful citizens, Gregory says

By GEORGE MacFARLANE
Globe and Mail Reporter

VANCOUVER — Dick Gregory leaned back on a bed in his room in Vancouver's Hotel Georgia. "I'm one of the most powerful men in the United States right now, and you can take that for truth," he said with disarming casualness.

The Negro comedian, a front-liner in U.S. civil-rights demonstrations all last year, is playing The Cave, a downtown Vancouver nightclub.

Gregory assesses his power from a Gallup Poll report this month that gave him honorable mention in a survey to determine the 10 persons whom Americans considered the most influential in the world. "Nobody was more surprised than I was," he said. "But there it is, baby, there it is!"

From his performances on and off stage in Vancouver, it could be inferred that Gregory was getting ready to trade in his career as an entertainer in favor of the civil-rights movement and politics.

He estimated that he had spent more than half his time and effort actively engaged in the cause last year. He has been arrested 50 times by his

own count and was shot in the leg during the Los Angeles riots.

He has announced that he will run for mayor of Chicago in the spring of 1967.

His twice-nightly performances here seemed almost incidental to his carrying the Negro cause to anyone who will listen.

In his first three days here, he was interviewed so often he lost count. Newspapers carried front-page reports of his views, and virtually every radio and television station put him in front of a microphone and camera.

That there was relatively little to achieve in Vancouver troubled him not a bit. "I love



Dick Gregory, comedian and man of influence.

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every minute of it," he explained. "I like talking about the race situation. I'll talk about it any time, any place. I never turn down an interview if I can reasonably make it."

Gregory's offstage shows have sometimes been livelier than his act at The Cave, where the reaction of audiences has been sympathetic but not ecstatic. It is not everyone who can sustain enthusiasm through Gregory's 40 minutes of racial and political patter, some of which falls into the sick category; and his studied carelessness of delivery suggests that he is not really kidding. In his interviews, Gregory predicted among other things:

In his view there will be chaos in the United States unless the Negro wins a significant and lasting victory in the civil-rights struggle within the next five years. By chaos, he means the breakdown of law and order. He envisions riots breaking out simultaneously in Negro districts all across the United States, so fierce and widespread that authorities would be totally incapable of coping with them.

He also predicted he would be assassinated if elected mayor of Chicago. "I'll win if I get 90 per cent of the Negro vote and 10 per cent of the white vote," he said. "I won't get all the Negro vote. There were some Negroes who voted Goldwater, if you can believe it."

The civil-rights fight was no longer centred in the southern United States, he said.

"You talk to a Negro in Chicago or Detroit. He's not interested in Alabama or Mississippi. He's interested in what's happening to him and his wife and kids. The North is where the action is and where it's going to be."

Gregory's words suggest hate and resentment, but he denied personal bitterness. "I used to be bitter," he said, "but I spent my bitterness and hate in the front lines. It was a good outlet."

Gregory's only show of restraint was in his references to Canada. Canadians, he said, showed a far greater respect for human dignity than Americans did. (One of the few local references in his act goes like this: "Yes sir, I sure like the way you people in Vancouver treat the Negroes — all six of them.")

He wondered out loud about what he had heard of Canada's Indian problem. There was an obligation, he felt, to get the Indians off the reserves and into the mainstream of Canadian life.

When somebody suggested that some Indians wanted to stay on the reserves, he considered then said: "I guess that's like some of the Negroes in the United States who want to keep things just as they are — the Uncle Toms. With the Indians I guess you'd call them Uncle Tom-Toms."

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HE DOESN'T EAT WITH HIS EARS

Equality No Joke

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"Stand-up" comedian Dick Gregory reached across a slice of ham and picked up a devilled egg.

"Just because I've got thick lips and nappy hair doesn't mean I eat steak by stuffing it in my ear," he said.

The line, the kind expected of the Negro comedian, would have drawn laughs in a nightclub.

Only nobody laughed because Gregory was deadly serious.

He was not seeking laughs as he talked to reporters Wednesday afternoon about the Negro revolution in America and his part in it. He would seek the laughs later on stage at the Cave.

Gregory would not have eaten the steak if he had it

— he is a vegetarian and is as committed to it, as he is to non-violence, Negro equality and America. That is why he passed up the ham and went for the egg.

Being a Negro doesn't stop a man from being drafted or dying in Viet Nam, he said, but nor does it force a man to kill.

"If I were drafted and sent to the front line, I'd go on only one condition — that I didn't have to carry a gun," said Gregory.

"America is worth dying for but it's not worth killing for."

Gregory has been to jail 50 times by his own count for taking part in demonstrations in cities ranging from Selma to Chicago.

He was shot in the leg trying to prevent violence during the racial riots in



DICK GREGORY
 ... jailed 50 times

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Watts County, Los Angeles last summer.

He estimates he has thrown \$2 million of his own money into the civil rights movement in the last four years.

And he plans to run as an independent for the Chicago mayoralty in 1967 because he figures the racial lid is about to blow off there.

Gregory is serious about running and serious about winning because he believes he can get 90 per cent of the Negro vote — he doesn't count on the other 10 per cent "because there are some Negroes in Chicago who voted for Goldwater last year" — and 30 per cent of the white vote, and that should be enough.

Gregory's message is basic.

"The richest white man is the same as the dumbest,

most ignorant Negro," he said. "They both eat the same way.

"They breathe the same way. In fact, if I was a white man I'd be mad because Negroes have wider noses. They can get more air."

But in present-day America the Negro is not accepted as equal, he said.

"I want to be judged as a man under the Constitution of the United States," he said. "Not under the Civil Rights Bill of 1965.

"But we will solve the problem in five years or it will solve us," he said.

America as it is now will cease to exist, he added.

The answer as Gregory sees it is simple.

"The white man just has to do the same thing to me as he'd want me to do to him," he said.

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Comedian plays it straight

Dick Gregory gives a five-year warning

By LORNE PARTON

The civil rights struggle will be settled in five years, or it will be the end of the U.S. as we know it, says comedian Dick Gregory, one of the central figures in the Negro Revolution.

"We'll solve it in five years or it will solve us," he said in an interview before opening at the Cave Theatre Restaurant.

Gregory, who estimates that he has given \$2 million to the civil rights crusade in the past five years, added, "When there was a great forest fire in Los Angeles, the mayor said, 'What can we do?' and the fire chief told him, 'We need a shift in the wind.'"

"We need a shift of the wind in our fight, too. We need honesty. That's all it takes."

Gregory has announced his intention to run for mayor of Chicago in the spring of 1967. He was asked his chances.

"I'll get 90 per cent of the Negro vote and 30 per cent of the white vote, and that will be enough to win."

He originally planned to run — as an independent — to siphon off votes from incumbent Richard Daley. Whoever beat Daley would be regarded as an improvement.

"Now I think I can beat him," he said.

He was asked what qualifications he had to be mayor.

"I'm honest and I'm intelligent and I know enough to bring in the right man for the right job. You don't have to be a surgeon to run a hospital and I just have



DICK GREGORY

to know where to get surgeons."

What did the Negro want?

"We want the U.S. constitution to be implemented to prevent wrongs against us just as the constitution is implemented to get us to pay income tax."

An advocate of non-violence, Gregory extends his philosophy to the limit. He is a vegetarian because he doesn't believe in killing of any kind. "If I ever did

start killing, it would be the guy in Mississippi who spit in my wife's face.

"If they ever draft me, I hope they send me up to the front line — without a gun. The U.S. is worth dying for, but there isn't any country worth killing for."

"Twenty years ago, Negroes had empty stomachs. Now they have hungry minds — not empty minds, hungry minds."

He gave insights into the terrible world of black vs. white:

"I can go on Ed Sullivan's program next week and come out in favor of mixed marriage and nothing will happen. But if Ed comes out in favor of it, he'll lose his job."

"I can invite any white man to my apartment without checking with anybody to see if it's all right. But he can't invite me without checking first."

"Charlie Drew, a Negro, invented the blood plasma process. He died in a Carolina hospital waiting for a colored doctor."

Dick Gregory preaches the cause of honesty and practises it. So far, he has been jailed at least 50 times throughout the U.S. because of his convictions.

He prophesied that Chicago would be the next trouble spot in the U.S. Martin Luther King has planned several demonstrations there in the Spring.

"If I'm elected mayor, I might be able to stop the riot," he said, and there was a chilling matter-of-factness in his voice as he accepted the inevitability of a riot.

And there are five years to go, in his timetable.

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Gregory's Suit Charges Judge Discrimination

The suit names as defendants Gov. Kerner, Secretary of State Paul Powell, Atty. Gen. William G. Clark, State Treasurer William J. Scott, and State Auditor Michael J. Howlett.

A suit file in federal court here today asks invalidation of sections of the Illinois constitution on grounds that it discriminates against Negroes and Jews of Cook county in denying them representation on the state Supreme court.

The suit, filed by Dick Gregory and Sherman H. Skolnick, was assigned for hearing to Federal District Judge James H. Parsons, even tho the complainants asked that it be assigned to a panel of three judges.

District, County Lines

In the complaint, Gregory identifies himself as a Negro, aged 33, living at 1451 E. 55th St., and Skolnick identifies himself as Jewish, aged 35, living at 9800 S. Oglesby av.

The complaint charges that altho there are seven judges on the Illinois Supreme court, none is from the 1st Illinois judicial district, whose lines are identical to those of Cook county. The suit reads:

"The 1st Illinois judicial district [contains] 83 per cent of the nonwhite citizens of Illinois, and 95 per cent of all Illinois citizens of the Jewish faith. At this time they have no resident justice on the bench of the Illinois Supreme court."

No Resident Justices

The suit goes on to state that under the present districting provisions of the Illinois constitution, the 1st district "which contains 50.9 per cent of the population of Illinois" now has no resident justices.

The suit maintains that under the "one-man, one-vote" principal enunciated by the United States Supreme court, Cook county must have at least three resident justices.

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Civil Rights

Gregory Critical of FBI Chief In Bogalusa Civil Rights Speech

By GIBBS ADAMS

BOGALUSA—Speaking before a civil rights rally of about 500 Negroes here Saturday night, Negro comedian Dick Gregory said FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is probably one of the louisiest dogs that ever existed.

Terming Hoover "one of the right wing," the Negro comedian said "it is a sin and a shame. You've got to put all of the FBI down for that dog. The only thing we've got going for us," Gregory continued, "he is 71 years old—thank God."

Later in his address he referred to FBI agents as "thugs," and he also took to task a Bogalusa Negro minister, Rev. W. J. Nelson, who last week criticized the use of children in street demonstrations, and said Negro ministers who are having no part in the street demonstrations here are Uncle Toms. Gregory said "lots of them preachers ain't saying nothing."

Refers to Mayor

The comedian also called Mayor Jesse H. Cutrer an "Uncle Tom," and defined a Tom as "a cat that uses finesse and trickery."

Gregory, who didn't arrive here until 8:45 as a result of his plane being late, said an Uncle Tom is like a 4-F. "He stays back and lets someone else do all the fighting and then he collects all the benefits from the GI bill."

Speaking of Rev. Nelson, Gregory said his comments drew newspaper publicity all the way to New York because he "said what the white man wanted to hear."

"If he had stood in front of you and told you about free-

dom, the Constitution, and America," Gregory said, "they never would have put it in the paper. But he can say this about you and it gets in the paper."

Gregory said the preacher's criticism of children in marches here is unwarranted, pointing out that children had a role in biblical time.

"Who did they send out to fight that giant?" Gregory asked. As the audience shouted the answer of "David" back to him, Gregory declared, "He was a child." And how old was Moses when his Manu put him in that basket?"

Gregory said churches are the most segregated places in the world, pointing out that pool halls, swimming pools, night clubs, hotels and restaurants have integrated, but not churches.

The comedian also struck out at the elder Negroes in Bogalusa who are having nothing to do with the civil rights demonstrations here, and charged, "you ain't never done nothin' worth a damn, but sit around with your mouth full of snuff and with your Bible upside down. You lay up in bed with your rheumatism, high blood pressure; you'd get better medical care in jail."

He urged the elderly to "do something for society, and said at present "You ain't doing nothin' but getting in the way. When you die—Lord knows, I hope it's soon—then this civil rights movement can go forward."

Defines Problem

Gregory said the civil rights problem is not one of black against white, but of right against wrong.

And, he added, the white man is the slave of the Negro but doesn't know it. A free man, he added, is a man without fears, but the white man fears Negroes residing in his neighborhood, going with his daughter, eating in his restaurant. Hence, Gregory reasoned the white man is the slave of the Negro.

He did call for respect of the law—when it's right, but urged his hearers to "destroy the law when it's wrong," and said this is in keeping with American tradition, recalling the Boston tea party and the disobedience of American pioneers of British law.

He called the Civil Rights Act an illegitimate bill because "America is not saying we are sorry, we want to see justice done. We got a civil rights bill because we shattered business

and disrupted the peace all last summer."

'Installment Plan Freedom'

He said the bill provided "freedom on the installment plan while the American Negro is being asked to go to Viet Nam and provide instant freedom for cats in a foreign land."

He called states rights "the biggest trick in the world" and "sophisticated Hitlerism," then added:

"As Hitler fell, baby, this is gonna fall, too."

He said that Negroes have a life expectancy seven years less than whites and their insurance companies "give you the pleasure of paying a higher rate."

He also termed the civil rights movement "pure and good" and rapped at criticism that Communists have a role in it.

"I wouldn't say there might not be a few Communists in the movement, Gregory said, but he declared that he'd always heard that Russians didn't believe in freedom."

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The 'Do-Nothing' FBI And J. Edgar Hoover

DICK GREGORY
Contact

An excerpt from an interview of the Negro comedian on television station KQED, San Francisco. Contact is an avant-garde San Francisco magazine of the arts.

J. Edgar Hoover, to me, is probably one of the worst elements America has produced, and eventually at the rate he's going, along with a bunch of them other nuts, he'll probably end up destroying the republic.

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BUT J. EDGAR HOOVER WITH HIS FBI, which is probably the biggest fraud in the world — if you want to see a fraud, you go to the post office and look at the top ten on the most-wanted list.

Here we are a country of a hundred and ninety million people and Number 1 is probably a purse snatcher. Number 2 is maybe some guy that took an illegal flight to avoid arrest probably for some maternity rap they got him on, and 6 and 7 is probably good humor men, you know, they think

they might be holding pot in some of the ice creams.

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HERE OUT OF ALL THE VICIOUS crimes that's committed in America — and we keep Hoover as a sacred cow and we have to because he's got dirt on everybody.

I'm probably one of the only entertainers that can talk about Hoover and be honest because I don't smoke pot, I don't comm — I do a lot of wrong, but nothing that would be federal. Mine is local, you know. The local cops can get me. I don't do anything the FBI can get me for.

And so you take a Hoover who will set up and say there is Communists in the civil rights movement.

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NOW HERE'S A MAN THAT'S HEAD of all our secret police, and it's the biggest fraud in the world because nobody is scared of the FBI but Americans. The Communists steal all the secrets they want to steal. They don't worry about the FBI.

So Hoover says that the Communists are infiltrating the civil rights movement.

Now here's a man who's head of the FBI who should have the facts and the evidence. Now if he can't stand up and name who the Communists are and what organization they are in, then he's giving the Communists more protection than he's giving us.

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BUT WHEN HE MAKES A BLANKET statement that there are Communists in the civil rights movement... this leads a lot of people to believe that it's [Martin Luther] King, that it's Roy Wilkins, that it's all the top Negroes involved.

And so then when you stop and think here is J. Edgar Hoover with all his, I call them do-nothing FBI agents, because they're just barely short of unlisted phone numbers...

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SO HE SAYS WE HAVE COMMUNISTS infiltrating the civil rights movement.

Now I say this to Hoover, if with all of his top police, with all the top security we have in America they couldn't keep the Communists from stealing the secrets to the atomic bomb, then how are we going to keep them from buying a \$2.50 membership in the movements?

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Being Frank About
**PEOPLE
 PLACES**
 and PROBLEMS
 by Frank L. Stanley

Dick Gregory, the great comedian who undoubtedly, of all the entertainers, is dedicated to the cause of human rights, came to town last week and he stirred up a hornet's nest. Amazing wit that he is, he scored handsomely, particularly on Senator Barry Goldwater, President Lyndon Johnson, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Governor William Scranton, and even the Goldwater fans. Perhaps he saved his big guns for J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. And of course, Mayor William O. Cowger came in for mild treatment, as, according to Gregory, he was the "lesser of two evils."

Speaking well over an hour, Dick Gregory was both a wit and a preacher. After leaving the audience rolling in the aisles more than half of the time that he was on stage, he then went into a very serious vein and sought, as he put it, to wake the people up . . . to let them know their house is on fire.

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Gregory stated very early in the program, he didn't come to Louisville to praise, or to say what the people wanted to hear, because he was not a politician, so he didn't care if he alienated people. He explained that he treated people like he does his own children, because "I alienate my children everytime I scold them for something. But I scold them because I love them." And then his conclusion was "I love my country and its people. Therefore, I alienate people."

Many felt, however, that he carried this alienation business too far, and I agree, particularly with his barbs about the church, because even a comedian, in good taste, should not seek to alienate friends, particularly white, who are laboring in the cause of first class citizenship for everyone. Already his reference about Negro Saints recently created by the Roman Catholic Church, of which he wondered about the possibility that "the first time we get bad weather we (Negroes) will get blamed," has brought complaints.

The attack on J. Edgar Hoover may be well deserved, particularly Gregory's demand that Mr. Hoover name the alleged Communists who are taking over the Civil Rights movement. Gregory makes a pertinent point when he asks "why doesn't he (Hoover) name them instead of smearing the whole Civil Rights movement. If he doesn't, he is giving the Communists aid and comfort." This is a very good point because in his July 25 column, David Lawrence claims "the riots in Harlem and Brooklyn have been participated in, and to a certain extent, incited by Communists," Mr. Lawrence goes on further to say, "coincidentally, Senator James Eastland, Mississippi Democrat, in a speech in the Senate, has called special attention to the ways in which Communists have become a part of the race controversy by stimulating demonstrations and training agitators."

Here again, it would be of great benefit not only to Negroes themselves, but to America in general, if the authorities who are hurling these Communist epithets, would come forth and prove their charges.

However, we question the propriety of even a wit like Dick Gregory of personally attacking J. Edgar Hoover. Those who were there know specifically how Gregory berated the FBI chief, and I will not quote them here. But it seems to me that good taste dictates that you protest and criticize openly, but always above board, and certainly on the basis of the record.

By the same token, I, for one, cannot appreciate the fact that anyone, be he comedian, high ranking official of an opposition party or what-have-you, who would publicly describe the President of the United States as dumb. . . "the dumbest President we have ever had." Gregory used this description in talking about President Johnson. I would resent it, even if it were a Dwight David Eisenhower, or any other President who has occupied the White House. I'll go further. I would say that this should not be done even to a Senator Barry Goldwater, if he becomes President.

While it is not my purpose here to apologize for Mr. Gregory, because I am sure he can take care of himself. It is important, I believe, for the general public to know that while Mr. Gregory came to help the cause, he was our guest, that there were some things he said which are not what one utters publicly, even though they may be his own private thoughts. Respect for the office requires that you refrain from improperly berating the man regardless.

NAMES AND FACES

By William Rollins

A Serious Comedian

Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian who has been active in civil-rights protests, had a sobering thought as he left for a short trip to Europe with an organization called the World Peace Study Mission: "This is probably the most important group in the world today. We can get integration tomorrow morning, if we have World War III tomorrow night, then the whole 100-year struggle will do down the drain." Members of the Study Mission are survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atom bombings, and Gregory left with it on a flight to Brussels, East and West Berlin and Moscow. The idea is to promote world peace and friendship. The comedian, who is traveling at his own expense, returns to San Francisco for a night club engagement next Thursday.

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NIGHT LEAD GREGORY

CHICAGO, JUNE 2 (UPI)--PRESIDENT JOHNSON WILL BE GIVEN A "WARM RECEPTION" BY CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS IF HE COMES TO CHICAGO TOMORROW, NEGRO COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY SAID TODAY.

TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR JOHNSON TO COME TO CHICAGO TOMORROW TO MAKE A SPEECH AT A DEMOCRATIC FUND RAISING DINNER.

"IF HE COMES, I WANT HIM TO BE ADVISED OF THE SCHOOL SITUATION IN THIS CITY," GREGORY SAID. "CONCERN IS SO GREAT THAT THE NATIONAL INTEREST IS AT STAKE."

THE PROBLEM, GREGORY SAID, STEMS FROM THE REHIRING SIX DAYS AGO OF BENJAMIN C. WILLIS AS SUPERINTENDENT OF CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS FOR YEARS HAVE ACCUSED WILLIS, FOURTH HIGHEST PAID GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE IN THE NATION, OF DELAYING INTEGRATION OF THE SCHOOLS.

GREGORY SAID HE TELEGRAPHED JOHNSON LAST NIGHT ASKING TO TALK TO HIM "TO SEEK YOUR AID TO SECURE THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN AND HELP US TO AVOID A LONG, HOT SUMMER."

MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY HAS APPEALED TO PARENTS TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL DESPITE A TWO-DAY BOYCOTT SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK. A ONE-DAY BOYCOTT OCT. 22, 1963, RESULTED IN AN ABSENTEE RATE OF 51 PER CENT IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. ANOTHER, FEB. 25, 1964, TOOK 37 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ENROLLMENT OUT OF SCHOOL.

"EVERYBODY BLAMES THE SCHOOL BOARD," GREGORY SAID. "BUT DALEY HAS SUCH A GRIP ON THE CITY THE SCHOOL BOARD CAN'T BE ALTOGETHER RESPONSIBLE. WE WANT TO PUT THE BLAME WHERE IT BELONGS."

GREGORY SAID HE ASSUMED IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR A CONFERENCE TO BE ARRANGED BETWEEN JOHNSON AND HIMSELF, OR ANY OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVE. FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, "WE ARE PLANNING TO DEMONSTRATE."

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Gregory on Violence

Negro Comedian Gives Views On Possible Armed Conflict

By Drew Pearson

WITH THE NATION facing a long, hot summer of discontent, I talked to the Negro who probably knows more about violence than anyone else in the United States—Dick Gregory.

The Negro comedian, who makes a minimum of \$6000 a week when he works the night-club circuit, has been devoting most of his time this year to SNICK, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. The goal of that committee is to further the Negro cause without riots.

I found Gregory even more alarmed than many white citizens over the state of Negro agitation. He was quite frank, and for an hour-and-a-half we discussed the Negro revolution.

"This is a revolution and a good many Negroes have guns," said Gregory. "They want to be a part of the revolution. They want to use those guns. Yet the NAACP and the Urban League have passed them by. They wouldn't recognize Roy Wilkins (head of the NAACP).

"How do we control this violence?" By sit-ins and kneel-ins," Gregory answered his own question. "If we can give the Negro demonstrations and if these demonstrations get some place, then the little Negro is satisfied.

"THERE ARE 22,000,000 people in this country who think John F. Kennedy was killed for their cause—because he championed the black man. There are 22,000,000 people who see that a governor's mother (Mrs. Malcolm Peabody of Massachusetts) went to jail for them. They know this is not the black man against the white man. They know that an awful lot of white men are on our side. But, just the same, the sentiment for Malcolm X is growing.

"To prevent violence," he continued, deadly serious, "you've got to give the little Negro an outlet for his pent-up steam. Last year, New York, Chicago and Harlem were the big tension spots. Now they're fourth or fifth

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on the tension list. Philadelphia eased off because the Mummers parade was blocked. The little Negro could say, 'I did it!'—the little man who can't afford membership in the NAACP and if he did come to an NAACP meeting he'd embarrass them.

"Today the No. 1 tension spot in the Nation is Cleveland. I've made seven trips secretly to Cleveland to stop trouble.

"Martin Luther King, God bless his heart, can't stop trouble today. In the South, the whites consider him a radical, a Communist. But in the North the Negro considers him a conservative.

"In Birmingham, King's brother stood on top of a car and urged the crowd, 'if you have to shoot, shoot at me.' They did. Two Negroes shot at him.

"A recent poll was taken of 14 Negroes on the question of what would you do if a white man slaps you. Seven said they would kill the white man. Six said they would not; one was undecided.

"Out of 22,000,000 Negroes, only one million are with Malcolm X. But a lot of them are saying, 'I'm tired of King. I'm tired of the NAACP. I'm ready to fight the white folks.' They are saying, 'Get your shotgun and move over with Malcolm X.'

"SO," SAID THE MAN who is trying to prevent Negro violence, "Malcolm X is getting to be about the only man who can stop a race riot. Martin Luther King can't stop one. His brother was shot at. Roy Wilkins can't stop one. They would know him.

"Malcolm X — the white folks are scared of him—but they never call him a Communist. They called Martin Luther King a Communist many times. In a way, Malcolm X and the Ku Klux Klan have something in common. The Klan tells the Negro, 'Don't fool with a white woman. Don't live in a white neighborhood.' Malcolm X says the same thing.

"We haven't had any race riots for about 20 years,"

continued Gregory, "When we did have them, they had to call out the Army. Now the Army is called out—the Army is integrated."

I asked Gregory how the violence which he feared could be avoided. He came back to the question of peaceful demonstrations as a means of blowing off steam.

"The march on Washington last summer was one of the greatest achievements ever put across by the Negro. For the first time black men from the lowest to the highest were invited to go somewhere together. It was a social affair. Ralph Bunche, the diplomat at the United Nations, was invited, and the little Negro was invited.

"A Negro prostitute in Cleveland wanted to borrow \$30 to go to that march in Washington. She said she had plenty of money — earned through her profession. But she said 'I don't want to go on dirty money. I want to go on clean money.'

"It was the Negro's greatest triumph. But, do you remember what the newspapers showed the next day—a picture of waste-paper littering the grass all around the Lincoln Memorial. The white man had to spoil our greatest achievement by publishing that picture."

A Beloved Curmudgeon

THE LATE REP. Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.), a beloved curmudgeon, left many memories besides those of his stormy escapades with colleagues. Old-timers recall how Cannon first gained notice by condensing the rules of the House while serving as clerk to Speaker Champ Clark (D-Mo.). His work remains the legislative "Bible" of the House.

At that time, 1922, he was making \$177 a month, considerably below the \$475 now paid Mark Shields, clerk to the Appropriations Committee. Elected to congress in November, 1922, Cannon's salary jumped to \$7500 a year. Years later, he became Shields's boss as chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

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2,000 March in Baltimore In Demand for Civil Rights

BALTIMORE — On a bitter cold morning on March 30, more than 2,000 Negro and white demonstrators marched through the downtown section of Baltimore to the City Hall Plaza. The aims of the march were generally to promote equal housing legislation and equal job opportunities.

The demonstrators, who walked under the banner of the "March for Baltimore," listened patiently in the cold to speakers for almost three hours. These included such well-known figures as Jackie Robinson, Senator Jacob Javits of New York and comedian Dick Gregory.

While Senator Javits confined his remarks largely to the civil rights bill now before Congress, Dick Gregory gave an account of the thinking among Negroes which has frightened Congress into some semblance of action.

Gregory said Negroes were tired of being short-changed — that they don't want 64 cents instead of 50 cents on the dollar. They want the whole system of cheating abolished, or else.

He evoked some surprise in the audience by his declaration that he will teach his children to break all bad laws. He said that if more Jews had made U-turns on Ger-



Dick Gregory

man streets where Nazi signs said, "U-turns permitted, except for Jews," there would be more Jews alive today to tell the tale.

Commenting on the civil rights bill before Congress, he said the time is passed when the few can sit down and decide what goodies they can give the many.

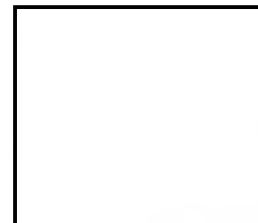
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Dick Gregory's Deadly Serious Chaff Always Ready on the Rights' Front Line

By Maurice C. Carroll
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

His night-club show ended early in the morning, and then the comic told his man to get on the telephone to Jacksonville, Fla.

The man called the sheriff, then the police chief, finally an NAACP leader. He probed. Was the race turmoil there getting out of hand? And was Dick Gregory needed?

In the Long Island night-club, while cigarette smoke swirled through the floodlight's glare, Dick Gregory had lounged in a high chair and, in a high-voiced patter, had told jokes about religion, politics, life in the suburbs.

Now, in a littered Manhattan hotel room, one of his entourage was on the telephone to see if Mr. Gregory should rush to a simmering Florida city and try to put the lid on a potential race riot.

Finally, said Mr. Gregory's man, the calls revealed that "there was leadership there—the thing was not out of control" and, as dawn rose over Manhattan, Dick Gregory relaxed and went to bed.

LEADERSHIP

The next day, in casually egotistical show business tones, Mr. Gregory delivered a self-assessment that, in the early part of the conversation, sounded incongruous coming from a nightclub comic.

"Only two people in this country now could stop a real race riot," he said. "Malcolm X and Dick Gregory."

It is generally agreed that the boiling rights drive has run away from its leadership, that new faces and new patterns of power are emerging. Mr. Gregory is even quicker to assess this than to claim a part in it.

"You take this New York school boycott," he said. "I see this fellow Galamison. I watch him. The first time around, there's a lot of help. But who's still there the second time, when the Urban League and the NAACP and the big people have pulled out? Galamison. There's your leader."

Before the Chicago school boycott, he recalls, pressure was being brought on children from poor families, people on relief were being threatened. What to do? "Figure it out. People on relief are bound to be the poor, the uneducated.

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These people tend to be religious. So we got the ministers to come out and back the boycott. It worked. Beautiful."

If he had brought nothing to the rights movement but his celebrity status, Mr. Gregory would have been welcome. "It was mighty rough down there in Selma, Ala.," a CORE worker recalled, "and then Gregory came in—followed by television cameras and a pack of newspapermen. Right away a lot of the tough stuff stopped."

But Mr. Gregory hasn't been content to be simply a presence. He jumps into the front lines. In one week aflare with rights agitation, he took part in demonstrations in Chicago, Pine Bluff, Ark., Boston, San Francisco, Cambridge and Princess Anne, Md.

He has a network of informants in potential trouble spots, he has government connections that run up to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and, at his nightclub table, non-nightclub types keep turning up. "There's going to be real trouble in Chicago this summer," two CORE workers frowned as they sipped scotch the other night and watched their friend, Mr. Gregory, at work. Clearly, he has sensitive antennae in that mysterious but efficient country-wide communications network of civil rights fighters.

SINCERITY

He tries to go nowhere without surveying the psychological lay of the land first, but the outlandishness of some of the places he turns up and what he does when he gets there must attest to his sincerity.

That first New York school boycott, the one that drew crowds of celebrities to headquarters at the Rev. Galmison's church in Brooklyn, there to be interviewed by crowds of reporters and watched by TV cameras, also drew Mr. Gregory. He went upstairs to an auditorium where several hundred awed children were gathered for a "freedom school" session, and began talking to them, telling them stories.

This was a big news show and the news photographers began to give the imperious instructions they always do at news shows. A reporter who covered the boycott head-



Rights worker and comedian Dick Gregory: "Only two people in this country now could stop a real race riot," he says, "Malcolm X and Dick Gregory."

quarters recalls that Mr. Gregory walked over to them and, firmly but without chestiness, said something like this:

"I'm always ready to cooperate, but the important thing here is to take care of the kids. Let's not get in the way of that."

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Then there is money. He can make thousands of dollars a week telling jokes in nightclubs—and these are frequently abrasive stories about race bias, stories that can force white audiences into uncomfortable thoughts, a performance that can be justified as helpful to the rights drive besides being lucrative.

But Mr. Gregory is ready to shuck the lucrative portion at the hint of trouble. He has been arrested at least eight times, has posted bond totaling \$2,000 at least six times, served two months in jail, lost more than \$100,000 in canceled engagements.

Why does a man who was brought up poor and who can make thousands of dollars a week imperil his career, not to mention his personal safety, in the civil rights fight?

Even more than most Negroes, Mr. Gregory has been at it since he was a boy. A St. Louis high school track star, he led a march on the Board of Education to force integration of the track records from Negro and white schools. But, other than lending time and, later on, celebrity value, he didn't become deeply wrapped up in the equality struggle, he recalls, until one night when

he was doing a benefit show in Jackson, Miss.

"I was introduced to an old man who had been in jail two years after he got into trouble trying to push voter registration. He didn't mind going to jail, he didn't mind dying, the man told me. But he had been married since he was a teen-ager, he said, and while he was locked up, his wife had died."

"That story did something to me."

The depth of his feeling didn't come through onstage the other night. Mr. Gregory had been billed as the comedian who stood before high-priced white audiences and made them laugh at uncomfortable truths about their racial bias, but his show seemed simply the uncolor-conscious product of a sharp, satirical mind attuned to the day's news.

Lyndon B. Johnson, he suggested, was not the world's greatest orator. But he was better than Eisenhower. Eisenhower talked like "the white Joe Lewis."

He was glad that Pope and Patriarch had met recently. "No one knows what they talked about but I'll bet afterwards the Patriarch got all his men together and locked all the doors, huddled them together and whispered, 'What's bing?'"

His mother-in-law was in the hospital. "My Valentine's Day gift bit her."

Standard stand-up comic stuff, certainly. Only here and there a racial shaft.

"The Black Muslims don't smoke, don't drink, don't run around with women. I wonder what they give up for Lent?"

Was I surprised, someone

asked, when Cassius Clay said he was a Black Muslim. Well, I was surprised at the Muslim part. We already knew about the rest."

Casual onstage, he is taut face-to-face and anger is near the surface.

"You newspapers. You clean it up when Truman calls someone 'nigger.' Why don't you ever cover up for us?"

"At that great march in Washington last year, what was the picture that was on the front page of all the white newspapers? A picture of a big heap of trash that was swept together afterwards. The Shriners meet in Chicago, do they play up pictures of the debris?"

He imperiously dismissed protests that such pictures weren't featured. "Just look it up. Look it up."

He is not an easy man to talk with. His comedian-quick mind runs ahead of an average conversationalist and the anger and the show-business ego are there. Someone expressed disbelief at the Gregory assertion that, if the plans to take away Cassius Clay's heavyweight title had gone through, there would have been race riots in the South and he flared. "Who's talkin'—me or you? I've been listening to you people for too many years now."

RECOGNITION

But he grinned later and said:

"Just shakin' you up a little. You got to understand, for years, Negroes have been telling whites what the whites want to hear. Go interview one of the so-called Negro 'leaders' and tell him you think Malcolm X is a real cool cat. You'll see. You'll embarrass him."

If he is right, that the leaders the white community recognizes are no longer the men Negroes will follow, who are the men who count now? The Gregory entourage notes this:

When the white editors of Time magazine chose their "man of the year" recently, the honor went to Martin Luther King. When Negro publishers gave their Russwurm award for "outstanding achievement"—and in the Negro world now that can only mean outstanding achievement in the fight for equality—the recipient was Dick Gregory.

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Roles of Slave-Master Reversed, Gregory Says

By PETE HAUG

Nature has made the white man a psychological slave and the Negro the psychological master, a Negro comedian and civil rights leader told a mixed audience here yesterday.

Addressing the Rochester Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Dick Gregory cited examples for his claims.

"A hundred and fifty years ago we ran away even though we didn't have any place to run because slaves are supposed to run away," said Gregory.

"In 1963, I moved into a white neighborhood. Who ran away?"

Gregory and 18 companions became involved in a disagreement with the Cafe Avlon at the Rochester-Monroe County Airport last month after they reportedly were refused service.

Francis E. McGurgan, cafe manager, said the group was refused service because the cafe had been closed early, not because of color.

Referring yesterday to the incident, Gregory challenged the cafe management to give a lie detector test to the "guy who told us they were closed."

He said everyone in his group would be willing to take similar tests to prove the bar appeared to be open. He said he would try to hire NAACP attorney Jack Greenberg to take the issue to court.



DICK GREGORY

... who runs away.

"After following the Muslim trials (in Rochester), I'd be afraid to take the case to court," quipped Gregory.

"I dig the Muslims myself. Only they're knocking what we're doing. I don't dig anybody that preaches hate. I am committed to non-violence; my wife is committed to non-violence; and I hope my son will be committed to non-violence."

Other topics touched on by Gregory were:

—Older Negroes: "You old folks make me sick. Old Negroes don't go along with demonstrations. They'd better wake up and realize what's happening."

—Church: Churches are the most segregated form of organization in the United States today, he charged. "I could take you to a church tomorrow where we would be arrested, beaten and the bail set at \$20,000 each."

—Preachers and religious folk: "I don't expect much out of them. All they do is

talk. Religious people scare me."

—The press: On the day after last summer's peace march on Washington, D.C., he said, front pages of newspapers there carried photographs of "trash left by the marchers. He said they don't show trash after the Rose Bowl Game, the Army-Navy Game or the World Series.

—The march itself: Liquor stores were closed in Washington because 100,000 marchers were coming. When there are 500,000 Shriners in Chicago, they order more booze."

—School boycotts: "If all the students in a Communist country boycotted schools, the United States would send troops to help them. How much freedom do I have to get for another man in another country before I can get some for myself?"

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CAMBRIDGE, MD.--NEGRO COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY ARRIVED TODAY TO JOIN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN MARYLAND'S RACIALLY TENSE EASTERN SHORE WHERE NEW ANTI-SEGREGATION DEMONSTRATIONS WERE EXPECTED. STUDENTS AT MARYLAND STATE COLLEGE, WHO BATTLED POLICE IN THE STREETS OF PRINCESS ANNE WEDNESDAY, PROMISED TO DEMONSTRATE AGAIN -- PERHAPS TOMORROW -- AGAINST RESTAURANT SEGREGATION. GREGORY JOINED PRE-DAWN STRATEGY MEETINGS WITH CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS FROM CAMBRIDGE, PRINCESS ANNE AND ELSEWHERE ON THE EASTERN SHORE. SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE WEEK AND STERN COUNTER-MEASURES BY AUTHORITIES RAISED AN ATMOSPHERE OF CRISIS. LT. GEN. MILTON A. RECKORD, MARYLAND'S ADJUTANT GENERAL, CALLED THE SITUATION IN CAMBRIDGE AND PRINCESS ANNE "CRITICAL" AND WARNED THAT STATE POLICE MAY HAVE TO GET TOUGHER ON DEMONSTRATORS. ABOUT 130 STATE POLICE REMAINED ON DUTY IN PRINCESS ANNE AND THE NATIONAL GUARD WAS PUT ON ALERT. CAMBRIDGE HAS BEEN UNDER MARTIAL LAW FOR SEVEN MONTHS.

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